Is Pluto Really a Planet?

Performance Task Assessment Rubric

	Novice	Apprentice	Developing	Proficient
Presentation	Needs prompting and assistance	Addresses topic, but lacked fluency, eye contact or gestures	Well-prepared, used effective speaking techniques and mannerisms	Exceptional, dynamic; mannerisms enhance communication
Organization	Unclear, lacked organization	Attempted to organize effectively, a clear sequence; well structured	Related ideas organized effectively, a clear sequence; well structured	Clearly planned, logically presented and organized; sequenced to communicate well
Connections	Insufficient or irrelevant	Limited critical thinking or personal connections	Critical thinking evident, credible connections made between learner and topic	Fully supported and cohesive; substantial critical thinking demonstrated
Content Depth	Needs more information	Valid content, but little depth or elaboration	Accurate content, covers topic effectively, well developed	Precise data, extended depth, complex content
Perspective	Uncritical: little recognition or consideration of differing viewpoints	Considered: reasonably critical and comprehensive look at all points of view in the context of one's own	Thorough: a revealing and coordinated critical view; considers other points of view	Insightful: effectively critiques other plausible perspectives; critically views all issues

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