

Fundamentals in Ecology

Rough draft of project report rubric:

	100% credit	50% credit	0% credit
Introduction (8 pts)	The introduction includes a) information on the broad topic (e.g., organic matter in streams), b) the specific treatment being tested (e.g., leaf litter type), and c) clearly states a testable hypothesis. Citations of the scientific literature are included to help support claims.	Introduction is missing one of the parts described in the 100% credit section, and/or is missing literature citations.	Introduction is not relevant to the subject matter, does not include a hypothesis, and is missing any literature citations.
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