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Aperture STEM/Social Sciences Rubric

Project Title:	Submission ID:

Criteria	Excellent (4)	Good (3)	Fair (2)	Poor (1)	Score (24 total)
Title	**All aspects were included and clearly explained/summarized:** - Present - Concise and Clear - Relevant to Manuscript - Introduces Key Concepts	**1 aspect is missing and/or not clearly explained:** Use Criteria in Excellent (4) Column	**2 aspects are missing and/or not clearly explained:** Use Criteria in Excellent (4) Column	**3 aspects are missing and/or not clearly explained:** Use Criteria in Excellent (4) Column	
Abstract	**All aspects were included and clearly explained/summarized:** - <300 words - Clearly communicates the research purpose - Provides an accurate summary. - Includes portions from all manuscript sections including introduction, methods, results, and conclusion.	**1 aspect is missing and/or not clearly explained:** Use Criteria in Excellent (4) Column	**2 aspects are missing and/or not clearly explained:** Use Criteria in Excellent (4) Column	**3 aspects are missing and/or not clearly explained:** Use Criteria in Excellent (4) Column	
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