



Freshman Survivor Practical Problem Solving Holistic Rubric

Practical Problem Solving is a process whereby I (a) consider the context of the problem and valued ends, (b) collect and use reliable information to inform us about the problem, (c) consider alternatives and consequences using moral/ethical questions, and (d) give sound reasons for the recommended solution.

- 6-5
- a. I thoroughly described the problem, its context (obstacles and people) and valued-ends.
 - b. I thoroughly described the information I used to inform our problem solving. I noted the reliable resource criteria.
 - c. I proposed three or more alternatives and potential consequences to solve the problem and explained our thinking regarding the workable and moral/ethical questions/criteria.
 - d. I proposed a solution and provided a clear, complete explanation of the reasons (information, moral/ethical, valued ends) why I decided to solve the problem that way and why I didn't choose the other alternatives.
- 4-3
- a. I described the problem and some of its context and valued ends.
 - b. I used some information to guide our decision; most sources are reliable
 - c. I proposed three alternatives, consequences are unclear, and some consideration was given to moral/ethical and workable questions.
 - d. I provided a clear, complete explanation of the reasons why I decided to solve the problem that way.
- 2-1
- a. I described some aspects of the problem and its context and did not consider valued-ends.
 - b. I used one reliable source of information.
 - c. I proposed only two ways to solve the problem and did not show evidence of using the moral/ethical questions.
 - d. I wrote a brief answer about this but it is not very clear of complete.
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- a. I did not figure out the core problem and its context.
 - b. I did not use resources.
 - c. I proposed only one way to solve the most important problem.
 - d. I did not explain why I solved the problem that way.

_____ x2 = _____ Total Score

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