



# Features of the Sun

## Rubric for Essay Activity

CRITERIA	4 ADVANCED	3 PROFICIENT	2 PARTIALLY PROFICIENT	1 NOVICE
Writing Style and Mechanics	Concise, clear, and engaging explanations with <b>flawless</b> spelling, punctuation, and grammar.	Concise and clear explanations with <b>minor errors</b> that do not interfere with communication.	Appropriate writing format. Writer does <b>not appear to have carefully proofread</b> .	Demonstrates <b>little or no attention</b> to the writing format. Has great difficulty communicating.
Understanding of Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explanations are complete* and <b>detailed, demonstrating a sophisticated</b> understanding of the features of the Sun.</li> <li>Writes in <b>own words</b> using <b>common &amp; scientific language</b>.</li> </ul> <p>*Responses include answers to all three bullet points in the prompt.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explanations are complete* demonstrating an understanding of the features of the Sun.</li> <li>No clear inaccuracies or misconceptions.</li> <li>Mostly writes in own words using common &amp; scientific language.</li> </ul> <p>*Responses include answers to all three bullet points in the prompt.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explanations demonstrate a <b>basic</b> understanding of the features of the Sun.</li> <li>May contain <b>inaccurate or incomplete</b> information.</li> <li>Writes using <b>scientific language</b> only, <b>not always writing in own words</b>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explanations are <b>missing important information</b>.</li> <li>Does not demonstrate a <b>basic understanding</b> of the features of the Sun and/or <b>contains inaccuracies</b>.</li> <li>Writing is <b>not in own words</b>.</li> </ul>

The Sun Teaching Box lesson module is available online at: <https://scied.ucar.edu/teaching-box/sun>