| Criteria | Exceeds the standard | Meet the standard | Almost meets the standard | Does not meet the standard |
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| Define the problem | Identifies, defines, and/or states the problem in detail. | Identifies, defines, and/or states the problem. | Partially identifies, defines, and/or states the problem. Key aspects of the problem are missing. | Does not identify, define, and/or state the problem. |
| Identify connections and relationships | Utilizes resources, including previous knowledge, to build accurate connections between known and unknown with minimal prompting or clarification. | Utilizes resources, including previous knowledge, to build accurate connections between known and unknown with occasional prompting or clarification. | Utilizes some resources, including previous knowledge, to build accurate connections between known and unknown but needs prompting or clarification. | Does not utilize resources, including previous knowledge, to build accurate connections between known and unknown needs prompting or clarification. |
| Devise a plan | Generates ideas for possible strategies to use to solve the problem with clarity. Selects one option and develops detailed action steps. | Generates ideas for possible strategies to use to solve the problem. Selects one option and develops action steps. | Generates incomplete ideas for possible strategies to use to solve the problem. Selects an option, but action steps are incomplete or missing. | Does not generate ideas for possible strategies to use to solve the problem. Does not develop action steps. |
| Carry out the plan | Implements strategy(strategies) and performs any necessary actions. Checks work while implementing the plan by testing multiple strategies. Perseveres through challenges to carry out the plan, and | Implements strategy(strategies) and performs any necessary actions. Checks work while implementing the plan. Perseveres through challenges to carry out the plan, and revises the plan as | Implements strategy(strategies) and partially performs necessary actions. Checks some work while implementing the plan, but does not persevere through challenges. Some | Does not implement strategy(strategies) and does not perform necessary actions. No evidence is recorded. |

| | revises the plan as needed. Keeps detailed evidence of the process. | needed. Keeps evidence of the process. | evidence of process is recorded. | |
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| Reflect | Communicates the results and justifies the solution with detailed evidence. Describes any mistakes or misunderstandings encountered during the problem solving process and how they were overcome with detailed evidence. | Communicates the results and justifies the solution with evidence. Describes any mistakes or misunderstandings encountered during the problem solving process and how they were overcome. | Communicates the results, but solution is not fully justified. Mistakes or misunderstandings encountered during the problem solving process are not described. | Does not communicate results. Does not justify solution or describe mistakes or misunderstandings encountered during the problem solving process. |