

### ***“What Can I Do to Raise My Science Grade?”***

- Short answer: nothing. I don't have extra points to give you...

So... let's rewrite the question:

### ***“What can I change about my study and work habits to improve my science learning?”***

- ▣ Reflect on your previous assignments.
  - What did you do well? Look at the positive feedback marks or comments. These are your strengths. Keep doing these things on every assignment.
  - What can you do differently? Look for the critical feedback marks or comments. These are areas for growth and change. Do you see any repeating patterns? Focus on **changing** these patterns on future assignments.
- ▣ Think science and talk science.
  - Read and mark up all assignment instructions, lab procedures, and science articles. These readings contain the key information you need to think and talk science.
  - Participate in all class discussions, large and small. Take a risk, raise your hand, share your thinking and your voice. You'll be more confident and successful.
  - Check in with me as you are working: explain your scientific thinking and ask clarifying scientific questions about each assignment. You'll be amazed at how much I can help you if you share your thinking with me and ask thoughtful questions.
  - Identify **who/what/when/where** and thoroughly explain **how/why** on every assignment.
- ▣ Edit your work.
  - Always reread the assignment instructions and use them as a checklist. Did you complete all of the required tasks?
  - Always read over your assignments one last time before turning them in. Do you see any common errors or omissions? Have someone else read over your work as well — they can help you spot errors that you might miss.
  - Always use your Help Guides. These outline exactly what excellent work looks like.
  - Always use the online Lab Notes. These provide additional information and reminders about each assignment and can help refresh your memory about what we did in class.
- ▣ Reflect on your own personal growth.
  - Read these [Class Participation Guidelines](#).
  - Read this [Growth Mindset checklist](#).

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Your science learning is an ongoing journey — it's not just an accumulation of points. To be an excellent science student, you must continuously practice excellent science habits on each and every science assignment. The good news: you can start practicing these ideas **today** — tune your habits and thinking to this new level to create a positive change in your journey.



Learning is an ongoing journey – not a grade...