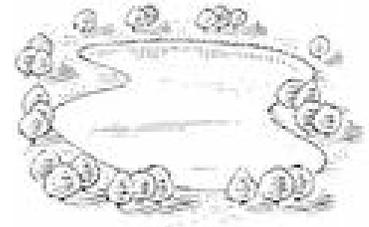


## **Common Writing Assignment: Science**

### **What made Chandler Pond green?**

Antonio and Nick were walking near Chandler Pond and noticed that the water was very green. Antonio thought that the green color was caused by algae growing out of control because of fertilizer that may have come from homes nearby. Nick thought that the pond was green because there was too much road salt from last winter that washed into the pond and it made the algae grow too fast.



Write a paper that identifies which student best explains what made Chandler Pond green. Use evidence to support your claim and explain your reasoning.

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### **Don't Forget to...**

Plan your writing using an outline, web or graphic organizer. As you write each draft of your assignment, it's important to use what you know as a writer to communicate your ideas effectively.

- ✓ Provide a clear claim that answers the question.
- ✓ Include evidence -- using data from class activities, experiments and other resources.
- ✓ Include reasoning to show how your evidence supports your claim.
- ✓ Use vocabulary that you have learned in science class.
- ✓ Correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling errors.