* What is the student trying to achieve? Is this reasonable with the time and resources available?
* What is the context of this project? Why is the research needed? What other research is it building on?
* Is the student's work convincing? Have claims been supported by evidence from literature? Does the student demonstrate good knowledge of the field by having broad, relevant and up-to-date sources?
* Does the student show attention to detail in the accuracy of calculations and writing?
* Is it clear what the student has done, needs to do, and what the steps to complete the project are?

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