Follow these instructions and formatting guidelines for the final report on your claim. A MS Word template is provided on the class website to aid in following the correct format. Points may be deducted for improper formatting.

Do Epsom help seeds germinate? [Provide a short, descriptive title conveying the claim.]

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October 7, 2019 [List the due date of the assignment.]

Overview [Provide a section title, "Overview", in **bold** font.]

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Provide an overview of your claim here, citing references where necessary according to IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers) guidelines. Make sure you:

- State the claim.
- <u>Communicate clear conclusions</u> about whether the claim is true, false, or ambiguous.
- Cite <u>at least 3-5 scholarly sources</u> to support your conclusion. You may use more if needed to fully vet your claim, <u>along with the original source for your claim</u>.
- Synthesize the evidence in your sources and summarize it in the paper.
 - O You should draw on evidence from the papers to support your claims.
 - You should also provide enough <u>background information</u> from your sources to orient the reader to your topic.
 - You should not just provide a summary of each paper. Attempt to tie the information together into a unified narrative.
 - You may use direct quotes, but use them wisely. Most of the time they are not necessary.
- There is no specific length requirement; be thorough but succinct. With this template, one page may be a bit light, two adequate, three a bit much.

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References [Provide a section title, "References", in bold font.] [Use 1 x line spacing for this section.]
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- Cite your sources in a separate, clearly labeled section at the end of your paper
 - o Call this section "References".
 - O Use the IEEE format for your references.