**Commit-Explain-Observe-Scientific Explanation**

**(C-E-O-SE) Scaffold**

**C- C**ommit to a prediction or answer choice:

**E- E**xplain your thinking. Why did you predict that or choose that answer?

**O- Part 1**:Describe how you will make **o**bservations to test your prediction. Or, describe reliable information sources you will use to **o**btain scientific information.

**O-Part 2:** Record your **o**bservations or the information you **o**btained.

**SE-** Write a **s**cientific **e**xplanation to answer the question. Your explanation should include: 1) a scientific claim, 2) scientific evidence from your observations or obtained information, and 3) scientific reasoning. Your reasoning should describe how the evidence links to the claim using scientific concepts, principles, and appropriate scientific terminology.

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