

Abstract

The Abstract provides the person reading your Science Fair board a summary of the entire project, from beginning to end. Your Abstract should be approximately 250 words and **typed** (no more than one page). Do not write in first person, and remember to keep it brief but thorough.

Use the following to help you write your Abstract:

Project Background

- What is your project about? Why did you choose this problem?
- What was learned from your initial research and how did it contribute to your experiment?
- What was your hypothesis?

General Summary of the Experiment (Project)

- Briefly describe the general way you conducted the experiment
- **DO NOT** repeat your procedure with step-by-step detail!

Results of the Experiment

- Discuss average data only, or the general pattern of data
- Do NOT discuss each piece of data unless it is ALL important.
- Using your research and other sources, explain WHY the experimental results occurred or expected results did not occur. Be specific!
- Do not discuss what you think should have happened - stick to what actually happened!

Abstract Scoring Guide

Component of Abstract	Very Thorough 4	Good 3	Needs work 2	Poor 1	Not Done 0
Overview of Project/background					
Explains what happened/summary					
Discusses results/cites average data/trend					
Mechanics-paragraph/sentence structure					
Overall Effort					