Science Fair Project Report (Sample)

Requirements for Written Report

- 1. Written when study has ended.
- 2. Use Front Side of each page (unlimited number of pages).
- 3. Use 10 or 12 pt. Font minimum; <u>Double Space</u> or use 1.5 spacing, except for Abstract.

A B C D

Title of Project

Student Name(s) Science Teacher Period Science Category Date

Abstract

- 250 words or less
- Single Space

Table of Contents

(May or may not be included)

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Materials/Method/Procedure
- 3. Data/Results/Graphs
- 4. Discussion of Results
- 5. Conclusion
- 6. Reflection
- 7. Bibliography (Additional information if student desires)

Introduction

- Question
- Purpose/Problem/Objective
- Hypothesis
- Indicate Variables(dependent and independent)
- Background Information

Can be more than 1 page

E F G H

Materials

List materials used

Method/Procedure

- List steps used or
- Describe steps in paragraph form or outline form.
- May use photos, drawings, diagrams, flow charts, etc.
- # of pages depends on student's procedure

Data/Results

Observations/Results in a data table format

Graphs

 Visuals such as graphs to interpret data results

of pages depend on what students wish to include.

Discussion of Results

Results, observations, or data are explained

of pages depends on the depth of discussion

Conclusion

- Refers to the hypothesis
- State whether or not data agrees, disagrees, supports or does not support the hypothesis.

Practical Application

What is the importance of this study? Of what use is a study such as this?

I J

Reflection

- What did you enjoy about the project?
- What were the successes and problems?
- What were the surprises? Did the data make sense?(Why or why not?)

Bibliography

- Use proper MLA citing format for books, journals and websites.
- Minimum of 5 different sources.

Explanation of Components

• The <u>Science Fair Project Report</u> is a report of the <u>entire study</u> including the data collected and analyzed which leads to a conclusion based on the hypothesis and data.

Note: The Abstract is a summary of the whole study in 250 words. The Abstract is the first thing judges read! Be thorough and check for spelling and grammatical error.

- c
- The Table of Contents can also be titled: "Outline".
- Page numbers, detailed subtitles can also be used.
- D

Ε

G

- The <u>Introduction</u> is background information on the topic.
- Good idea to cite some references.
- Materials can be listed such as Supplies, Chemicals, and Equipment separately or included in the Procedure.
- Procedure (Methods, Experimental Design, or Protocol) can be outlined, by steps, phases or in paragraphs.
- Use quantities, concentrations, and metric measurements where applicable.
- When using **Human Subjects**, state gender, age, no. of subjects, and how confidentiality was established.
- If **Vertebrate Animals** were used in the study, state the species, gender, where animals were obtained, and what animal care procedures were implemented.
- <u>Data and Results:</u> Observations and data tables, must be included which represent results that were collected throughout the experiment.
- **Graphs** interpret data and results in the form of bar, line or pie graphs.
 - Be sure to have Figure #, captions or titles to each item.
 - If each item is minimized, several items can be included in one page.
 - This can also be several pages long.
- The <u>Discussion of Results</u> section should refer to results/observations and an explanation as to what occurred.
 - The Conclusion should be based on the data collected.
- "Does the data of results agree, support, accept the hypothesis, disagree, not support, or reject the hypothesis?"
 - "Therefore, it can be concluded that (refer to hypothesis). . . "
 - Reflect on the experiment such as possible outcome, surprises.....
 - Refer to different variables, concentrations, time span, more trials, etc.
 - "How can the study be expanded? Can it be shortened?"
 - Bibliography or References should be in MLA Format.