

THE ABSTRACT FOR SCIENCE PROJECTS

Abstracts are limited to a maximum 250 words. The abstract should include the following:

- a) *purpose of the experiment*
- b) *procedure*
- c) *data*
- d) *conclusions*

TIPS ON WRITING A PROJECT ABSTRACT

A project abstract is a brief paragraph or two (limited to 250 words or 1,800 characters) highlighting and/or summarizing the major points or most important ideas about your project. An abstract allows readers to quickly determine the nature and scope of a project.

Emphasize these aspects: purpose (hypothesis), methods (procedures used), data summary or analysis, and conclusions.

Omit details and discussions.

Use the past tense when describing what was done. However, where appropriate use active verbs rather than passive verbs.

Use short sentences, but vary sentence structure.

Use complete sentences. Don't abbreviate by omitting articles or other small words in order to save space.

Avoid jargon and use appropriate scientific language.

Use concise syntax, correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation.