

Abstract Rubric

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Main Purpose	Main purpose not stated or completely inconsistent	Main purpose included but not stated in a way to demonstrate understanding	Main purpose stated but not clearly articulated but shows some understanding	Main purpose stated and demonstrates reasonable understanding	Main purpose stated clearly, concisely and correctly, demonstrating clear understanding
Methods	Methods not included or several important elements are missing	Two or more procedure aspects of the experiment omitted.	One method omitted others are not described clearly and concisely.	All methods included and described adequately. Some descriptions show lack of understanding of procedures	All methods included and described clearly and concisely. Procedures clearly understood.
Results	Results not included, significant results omitted.	More than one critical result is missing.	One result missing; results are reported but not described clearly and concisely	All results included and presented but not concisely.	All results reported clearly and concisely.
Conclusion	No conclusion included, conclusion completely inconsistent with results or main purpose of experiment.	Conclusion is incomplete, incorrect or not related to the main purpose or results.	Conclusion presented but not articulated clearly or related to main purpose or results.	Conclusion presented and some connections to results and main purpose are made.	A logical conclusion is reached and is related to the results and main purpose provided.
Presentation/Writing Mechanics	Incomplete sentences, numerous grammatical and spelling errors. Proper tense not used. No format	Format not followed completely. Weak sentences, some spelling or typographical errors Improper use of technical terms	Main elements included and format mostly followed. Proper tense and reasonable sentence structure. Some spelling, grammatical or typographical errors.	Good sentence structure, minimal spelling grammatical errors, proper format	Excellent writing style, clear and complete sentences, free of errors, proper format