**Research Article Outline**

**TITLE PAGE**

Names of the:

* Study
* Experimenter(s)
* Institution at which the research was conducted
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**ABSTRACT**

A brief summary of all aspects of the experiment, such as:

* Introduction, method, results, and a sentence or two summarizing the importance of the results

The abstract should answer the following questions:

* Why did we do the experiment?
* Who were our subjects/participants?
* How was the experiment conducted?
* What did we find and what does it mean?

**INTRODUCTION**

* Introduce concepts (to acquaint reader with the issues involved)
* Review previous literature (to inform reader about what other research has been done in this area and begin to show how you came to your research question)
* Introduce your experiment (to let your reader know the purpose of your research)
  + This should include your research question(s) and hypotheses

**METHOD**

Should include a thorough, descriptive overview of:

* Who the participants/subjects were who participated; how many and their demographics
* Materials and apparatus used
* The exact procedures employed to measure variables (step by step description), including details of measurement and operational definitions, stats etc.

**RESULTS**

* Description of the statistical tests performed
* General statement of the findings as they relate to your hypothesis, ie, whether or not the statistics support your expectations
* Description of the results you obtained (using proper statistical formatting)
* Reference to any tables or graphs that visually represent the data analyzed by your statistical tests. These figures appear after the references section of your paper
* SHOULD NOT INCLUDE ANY INTERPRETATION OR DISCUSSION OF FINDINGS, OR PROCEDURE OR METODS

**DISCUSSION**

* Review results
* Discuss agreements/disagreements with previous literature and findings
* Discuss any problems or issues, confounds
* Summary and restatement of who your experiment will benefit

**REFERENCES**

* In APA format

**TABLES AND/OR GRAPHS**

* Be fully labeled, with error bars, axis labels, and a legend if needed, and asterisks to denote significant effects
* Have their own figure caption, a brief description of the figure, which includes the independent and dependent variable, number of subjects, and reference to statistical significance, and what error bars represent (on figure caption page)