*Abstract*

Basically provide 1 or 2 sentences per section.

Don’t need to use references here.

Present your main results and conclusions.

Should mention that the result cannot be generalized.

*Introduction*

I wasn’t strict on references.

But when you make a blanket statement like… “Past research suggests….” you need references.

Write out all authors the first time you cite, then use et al (exception is when you have 5 or more authors).

Start out broad and lead up to your study, but not too broad.

Don’t go back to the history of psychology or the history of ethics in psychology.

Don’t talk about the results.

Pretend it’s written before the study is conducted.

Logically build up to your study.

And describe what you will do in the future tense.

Don’t be colloquial…be formal.

Try not to be choppy, i.e., don’t go back and forth.

You need to cite your references.

Make sure you mention the behavior.

*Methods*

Mention that the observation was broken down into intervals.

Describe the room and who is in it.

How did you handle inaudible conversations?

Describe the kids (ethnicity).

Say how they were recruited.

Put your behavior and operational definition here rather than in the results.

*Results*

Refer to your table right away and talk about your main results first.

Make sure you actually refer to the Figures.

Don’t make inferences, but describe the results.

Don’t need to discuss your hypotheses.

Then get into your more specific results.

Give some numbers.

Don’t say “significant” without statistics.

*Discussion*

Repeat your findings, start with main findings then more specific findings.

Say what these results mean, or explain why you would get these results.

Get into strengths and weaknesses.

Talk about future studies.

When you bring up previous research, you have to cite it.

*Observation*

Hard to tell what they’re looking at.

Avoid all names.