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## Mini-Report 2 – Abstract

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The “abstract” section of an experiment report is essentially a miniature version of a complete experiment report. It contains a brief statement about the background of the experiment, includes a brief summary of the procedure, and thoroughly summarizes the results and conclusions of the experiment.

While it may sound easy to write a miniature report, it is actually very challenging, because the abstract is the shortest section of the report – usually around half of a page, and certainly no longer than an entire page. When writing a full experiment report, it is usually easiest to write the abstract last. That way, you already know what you will be writing about in your report and you can simply summarize what you’ve already written.

The key to writing a good abstract is to be very concise, omitting unnecessary information and focusing on the essential points of each section of your report.

As with any section of your report, if you reference any external sources, you must include those references in your abstract.

### ***Instructions:***

Write an abstract section for the lab that you just completed. It must be double spaced, 12 point font, and should have your name on it. The references that you use to write your abstract section should be cited in a separate “references” section.