

Notebook Cover Sheet Format for Challenge Investigations

NOTE-1: Each person is required to keep a notebook, and each person should prepare a cover sheet for their notebook. Not every person will fill in every heading because some of the headings are specifically for individuals working alone, and some are for two individuals working together. The amount of information being entered into any one of the following headings can vary by individual as well as by topic. Consequently, the format is generic so the spacing may be adjusted as needed. This page is only an informational guideline and is not intended to be used as a blank form.

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Scientist name: (Even if you have a mentor or supervisor, you are the scientist)

Team Name (This is needed if two or more people are working together):

Our Challenge:

Investigation start and end dates:

Subtopic being investigated/explored. (This is specifically for when there are two or more people working together and each might be doing a separate part.)

My role in the investigation and/or what I contributed. (This is specifically for when there are two or more people working together and each might be doing a separate part.)

What seemed most interesting while doing the challenge (up to three things)

What I learned while doing this challenge that I didn't know before (up to three things)

What I would like to investigate further, and why.

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NOTE-2: An abstract is not required for a Challenge, but it is required in the Open Category. An abstract is typically ¼ to ½ page in length (about 250 words) and provides a summary of the investigation. An abstract should include the purpose of the experiment, procedure, data, and conclusions. It may also include any possible research applications. It should not include a) acknowledgements, self promotion, or external endorsements. or b) work or procedures done by the mentor. Information from all participants is incorporated into the abstract. The two items labeled What I learned and What I would like to investigate further can provide some of the background information. The abstract (if you write one) should be displayed vertically, either on your display board, or by itself.