



Content and Format

The format and content of the text or body of a paper may vary depending on the purpose of the assignment (e.g., persuasive essays, cause-and-effect essays, comparative essays, or annotated bibliographies). Always check with the instructor for what information to include in the body.

For example, the body of a lab report might include:

- Introduction
 - States purpose of the experiment
 - Provides a hypothesis
- Method
 - Describes the steps or procedure used to conduct the experiment
 - Explains the experiment in a way that others can replicate
- Results
 - Summarizes data analyses performed
 - Reports findings of the experiment
- o Discussion
 - Interprets results in relation to the hypothesis
 - Explains limitations of the experiment

Note: Individual instructor's specifications may vary, so check with your instructor before formatting and submitting your work.

^{*}Text (Body) information is in Sections 1.1, 1.10, and 2.11 of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (7th ed.).