

## Abstracts

Excerpt from *Science Day Standards* (<http://ohiosci.org/sds.htm>)

The student(s) must submit an abstract containing no more than 250 words. A heading must contain the project title and name(s) of the author(s). The heading does not contribute to the word count. **ABSTRACTS ARE REQUIRED and MUST BE submitted for both District and State Science Days.**

The purpose of an abstract is to provide a summary of your project that will inform interested individuals of the contents. The wording must be written in a manner that any scientifically minded individual, who may not be familiar with your topic, can understand the project's important points.

The following should each be summarized in a few sentences:

- 1) Background information necessary to understand the abstract and its importance.
- 2) The problem that was investigated and your hypothesis.
- 3) Outline of the materials and methods used in your experimentation.
- 4) Summary of the results obtained from your experimentation.
- 5) The conclusions drawn from your results.
- 6) The importance or potential applications your research offers.

**Do not be concerned with including all of the details. The key point to remember when writing an abstract is to keep the wording brief and concise. Use complete sentences. Abstracts should only provide necessary information needed to understand the project's basic points and importance.**

**To All District 14 Science Day Participants:**

**Abstracts may be stapled to the back of the student registration form. A copy of the abstract should also be included on the student's backboard and in their written report.**