

Things to Include on Your Poster

1. Title

In just a few words (no more than 2 lines of text), say the main idea of your project / the main question that your project was trying to answer.

2. Introduction

In 3 – 5 sentences or bullet points, say (1) why the topic of your project is important, (2) what question your specific project was trying to answer, and (3) what you thought was going to happen before you conducted your project (your *hypothesis/solution*). Make sure to tell your audience what they need to know in order to understand your project.

3. Methods

In 2 – 5 sentences or bullet points, say what you did. Tell the audience how you conducted your research. Be sure to give enough detail that someone else who did not see you do your project could conduct the same project. To supplement your text, you may also include pictures and/or display objects. See STEM Fair Rules and Guidelines for our rules about display objects.

4. Results

In 1 – 4 sentences or bullet points, say what you found from your experiment. What were the major outcomes of your research? You are encouraged to include pictures to supplement your text in this section, and you may also display objects. See STEM Fair Rules and Guidelines for our rules about display objects.

5. Conclusions

In 1 – 4 sentences or bullet points, summarize your major outcomes and say what this means / why this is important. Be sure to say if your results *supported* your hypothesis or *did not support* your hypothesis. (TIP: One experiment is never enough to *prove* that a hypothesis is right, but it is enough to *support* that a hypothesis is right.) (TIP: It is completely OK if your results did not support your hypothesis. That is why they are experiments!)

6. Acknowledgements

Science is always a team effort. Thank whoever helped you conduct your experiment. This can be family, friends, and even schools and companies!