

Observational Study: Method and Results Section

For this assignment, you will be writing up the Methods and Results section of your observational project completed earlier. You will be graded on three separate areas: your methods section, your results section, and your overall writing.

Method Section:

Your methods section explains how you did your study. It should cover:

- Participants: Total number, breakdown of important groups (gender, age, etc.), remember to maintain confidentiality!
- Materials: Did you use anything like a measure? (probably not if it's an observation).
- Procedure: Operational definitions, locations and times, appropriately detailed procedure.

Results Section:

The results section helps you tell your story. This section should cover:

- Report of Results: Summarize what you found. Use an appropriate measure of central tendency if you think that helps. You can use a lot of what you did in the first part.
- Summary: How do the statistics and measures you've just reported relate to your main study at hand.

General Writing:

Your writing should reflect APA style, have smooth flow, grammar, etc. (The usual English-class stuff). It should also be your own.

This portion of the project is on your own. So, everyone in the class should be writing something different. There's no minimum word count, so let the content determine the length.

Due at the beginning of next class, May 26/27, 2010