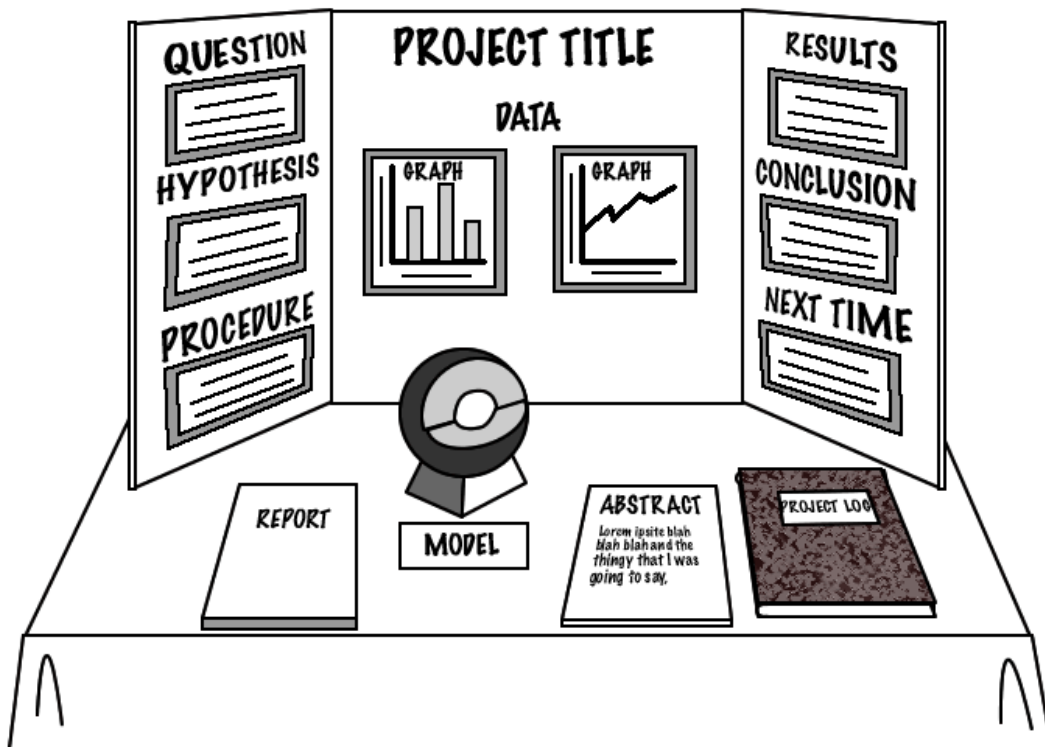


# Guidelines for Display Board

This is a Tri-fold display board that exhibits the highlights of your Science Project. This is the first thing a person sees when they are introduced to your project so the presentation of this component of your Science Project is one of the most important.

Follow the guidelines illustrated below for the arrangement of your display board as well as the placement of objects on the display board.



## Left Side

This side has the question, the **Hypothesis** and your **Procedure**.

## Middle

The middle has the title as well as all your **Data** (including tables, diagrams and photos).

## Right Side

This side has the **Results**, **Conclusion** as well as how you might modify or extend your experiment in the future.

The title of your Science Project is the first thing people will see when they look at your display board. You can use your question as your title or you can make up something. You want the title to be catchy and to make people interested in looking at your project.

Notice also in the illustration above that your display includes other items.

**Report:** This is the Report that you wrote. It includes the research you did and has a full bibliography.

**Model:** You may or may not have a model as part of your display. Make sure you avoid including any prohibited materials.

**Abstract:** This is a brief summary of your project.

**Project Log:** This is the journal you have been keeping from the start of your project.

## SHOW & TELL

Every presentation, like your display board, has two major components. Those components are appearance and content. These are like "show" and "tell". The appearance is the "show". People will want to see something attractive. It should get people's attention without being too overpowering. The content is like the "tell". Your display board should give people all the information they need to understand exactly what you were trying to do, how you did it, and what you found out. You must make sure your presentation does a good job in both of these areas.

## DISPLAY BOARD TIPS

- Check your **Display Board** thoroughly for spelling and grammar. Have your Language Arts teacher help you.
- Start early. A good **Display Board** is the result of many hours of work. Begin now to think about what it will look like.
- Plan ahead. Make a rough sketch of the layout of your **Display Board** first. Decide what elements will look like and how they will be arranged. Once you start attaching things it will be too late to change.
- Think about color, line and texture. Most display boards are white but you can buy them in color as well. You can also add color with different kinds of paper. Different kinds of paper can add texture as well.
- Make sure all your graphs; tables, charts and diagrams follow the guidelines.
- Lettering is important. Other than the title, all the lettering should be in black ink. The words should be easy to read from ten feet away. Hand lettering takes a lot of work if you want it neat. The three best ideas are...
  1. use a computer
  2. buy self-stick letters
  3. use a stencil
- Attach with care. You will be attaching labels and text (**Question**, Hypothesis, etc.) to your **Display Board**. If you want to attach other objects to your **Display Board** you may, as long as they follow the guidelines for permissible objects. Follow some rules...
  1. All attachments should be secure
  2. No glue or tape should be showing
  3. Don't attach anything that is too heavy (it will make your **Display Board** unbalanced)