

## Chart for Writing your Observation of an Infant Paper

Review your field notes from observing the infant. This chart should help you write your paper.

PROMPT	RESPONSES
<p><b>Introduction Paragraph</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where did the observation occur? What parts of the home?</li> <li>• Describe the setting/ space in detail.</li> <li>• Describe the baby's appearance, (facial features, body type, skin tone, hair, clothing, etc.) in detail.</li> <li>• Who was present?</li> <li>• Be as descriptive as possible!</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Start of observation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What happened when you arrived?</li> <li>• What did you say/ do?</li> <li>• How did the baby respond?</li> <li>• What did the baby do?</li> <li>• Be as descriptive as possible!</li> </ul>	
<p><b>What baby did</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What did the infant do, in general, while you were there?</li> <li>• What activities did the baby engage in?</li> <li>• Provide an overview of what the baby did during the observation.</li> <li>• Be as descriptive as possible!</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Vignette/ Mini-Story #1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe a ~2 minute period you observed in more depth. Explain in a detailed, objective, chronological narrative format:</li> <li>• What the baby did</li> <li>• How the baby moved (describe all movements)</li> <li>• What the baby gaze/ looked at</li> <li>• What attracted the baby's interest &amp; you knew</li> <li>• The toys, materials, &amp; furniture the baby used &amp; ow</li> <li>• The sounds &amp; vocalizations the baby made &amp; how (cries, laughs, cooing, babbling, jargon, words, etc.)</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other ways did the baby communicated &amp; how (gestures, facial expressions, movements, body language, etc.)?</li> <li>• Who the baby interacted with &amp; how.</li> </ul> <p>Be as descriptive as possible using rich, vivid details!</p>	
<p>Vignette/ Mini-Story #2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe a ~2 minute period you observed in more depth. Explain in detailed, objective, chronological narrative format:</li> <li>• What the baby did</li> <li>• How the baby moved (describe all movements)</li> <li>• What the baby gaze/ looked at</li> <li>• What attracted the baby's interest &amp; you knew</li> <li>• The toys, materials, &amp; furniture the baby used &amp; How</li> <li>• The sounds &amp; vocalizations the baby made &amp; how (cries, laughs, cooing, babbling, jargon, words, etc.)</li> <li>• Other ways did the baby communicated &amp; how (gestures, facial expressions, movements, body language, etc.)?</li> <li>• Who the baby interacted with &amp; how</li> </ul> <p>Be as descriptive as possible, using rich vivid details!</p>	
<p>Vignette/ Mini-Story #3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe a ~2-3 minute period you observed in more depth. Explain in a detailed, objective, chronological narrative format</li> <li>• What the baby did</li> <li>• How the baby moved (describe all movements)</li> <li>• What the baby gaze/ looked at</li> <li>• What attracted the baby's interest &amp; you knew</li> <li>• The toys, materials, &amp; furniture the baby used &amp; How</li> <li>• The sounds &amp; vocalizations the baby made &amp; how (cries, laughs, cooing, babbling, jargon, words, etc.)</li> </ul>	

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<p>Vignette/ Mini-Story of a Routine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What routine did you observe (eating, sleeping, diapering, transitions, playing, etc.)?</li> <li>• Describe the routine you observe. Explain in a detailed, objective, chronological narrative format</li> <li>• How did the adult signal the routine was starting?</li> <li>• What the baby did</li> <li>• How the baby moved (describe all movements)</li> <li>• What the baby gaze/ looked at</li> <li>• What attracted the baby's interest &amp; you knew</li> <li>• The toys, materials, &amp; furniture the baby used &amp; how</li> <li>• The sounds &amp; vocalizations the baby made &amp; how (cries, laughs, cooing, babbling, jargon, words, etc.)</li> <li>• Other ways did the baby communicated &amp; how (gestures, facial expressions, movements, body language, etc.)?</li> <li>• Who the baby interacted with &amp; how</li> </ul> <p>Be as descriptive as possible using rich, vivid details!</p>	
<p>End of the observation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How did you end the observation?</li> <li>• What happened as you left?</li> <li>• How did the baby respond?</li> <li>• What did the baby do?</li> <li>• Be as descriptive as possible!</li> </ul>	
<p>Concluding paragraph</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What struck you from the observation?</li> <li>• What did you learn about the family?</li> <li>• What did you learn about the child?</li> <li>• How does the observation connect to class?</li> </ul>	