

Observation of an Infant Paper

ECE 209-L

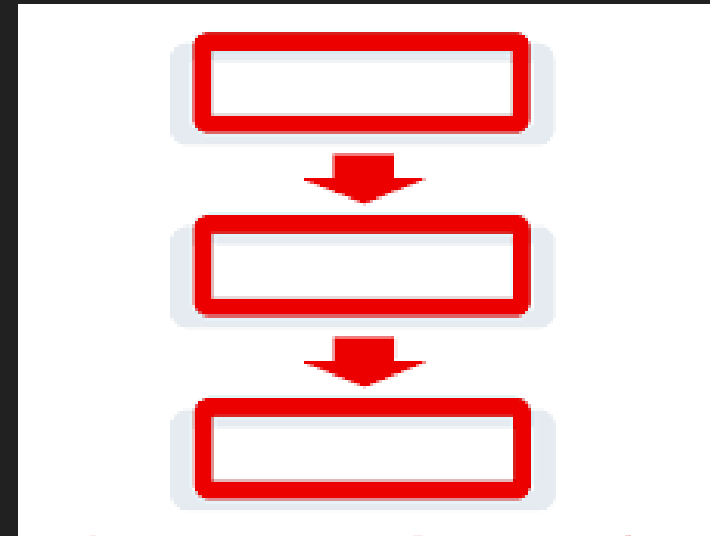
Format



- ~3 pages
- Typewritten
- Double-spaced
- 12 point font
- Standard 1" margins

Sections

1. Introduction
2. Summary of Observation
3. Conclusion



Introduction Paragraph

Describe in detail:

- Setting
- Infant's physical appearance
 - Hair (color, texture, length, style)
 - Skin tone
 - Facial features
 - Body type
 - Clothing



Observation Summary

- Start with what happens at beginning
- 3 vignettes/mini- stories (~2 minutes each in a chronological narrative what happens during your observation, including:
 - What baby does
 - How baby moves
 - What baby gazes/ looks at
 - What attracts baby's interest & how you know
 - Toys, materials & furniture baby uses & how
 - How baby vocalizes (cries, laughs, words etc.)
- Other ways baby communicates
- Interactions with people – including you
- Anything else you notice
- Describe at least 1 routine
- End with what happens at end of visit
- ***Be descriptive & use rich vivid details!***



Conclusion Paragraph:



1. What struck you from the observation?
 - During the observation
 - Writing the paper
2. What did you learn about the baby?
3. What did you learn about the family?
4. How does the observation connect to ECE 209?

Key Points

- Be very descriptive & use rich, vivid details
- Be objective – write what you see, hear count, taste, touch & fee
- Include important:
 - Facts
 - Details
 - Patterns of behavior

