

## 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 |
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| <p><b>Introduction Paragraph</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When did the observation take place?</li> <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>• Where were you positioned in the space during the observation?</li> </ul> <p><i>Be descriptive – use rich, vivid details!</i></p> |           |
| <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> </ul> <p><i>Be descriptive – use rich, vivid details!</i></p>   |           |
| <p><b>Vignette/ Mini-Story #1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe ~2 minute observation period you believe is important to the baby &amp; family so the reader can picture what happened, of the baby:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Interacting in their environment</li> <li>+ Acting in their environment</li> <li>+ Reacting in their environment</li> <li>+ Include a routine you observed</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>Be descriptive -- use rich, vivid details!</i></p>          |           |

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| <p>Vignette/ Mini-Story #2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Describe ~2 minute observation period you believe is important to the baby &amp; family so the reader can picture what happened, of the baby:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Interacting in their environment</li><li>+ Acting in their environment</li><li>+ Reacting in their environment</li><li>+ Include a routine you observed</li></ul></li></ul> <p><i>Be descriptive -- use rich, vivid details!</i></p>       |  |
| <p>Vignette/ Mini-Story #3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Describe ~2 minute observation period you believe is important to the baby &amp; family so the reader can picture what happened, of the baby:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Interacting in their environment</li><li>+ Acting in their environment</li><li>+ Reacting in their environment</li><li>+ Include a routine you observed</li></ul></li></ul> <p><i>Be descriptive -- use rich, vivid details!</i></p>       |  |
| <p>Vignette/ Mini-Story #4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Describe ~2 minute observation period you believe is important to the baby &amp; family so the reader can picture what happened, of the baby:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Interacting in their environment</li><li>+ Acting in their environment</li><li>+ Reacting in their environment</li><li>+ Include a routine you observed <i>Be</i></li></ul></li></ul> <p><i>descriptive using rich, vivid details!</i></p> |  |
| <p>Vignette/ Mini-Story #5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Describe ~2 minute observation period you believe is important to the baby &amp; family so the reader can picture what happened, of the baby:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Interacting in their environment</li><li>+ Acting in their environment</li><li>+ Reacting in their environment</li><li>+ Include a routine you observed</li></ul></li></ul> <p><i>Be descriptive using rich, vivid details!</i></p>        |  |

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| <p>Vignette/ Mini-Story #6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe ~2 minute observation period you believe is important to the baby &amp; family so the reader can picture what happened, of the baby: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Interacting in their environment</li> <li>+ Acting in their environment</li> <li>+ Reacting in their environment</li> <li>+ Include a routine you observed</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>Be descriptive using rich, vivid details!</i></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> </ul> <p><i>Be descriptive – use rich, vivid details!</i></p>   |  |
| <p>Concluding paragraph</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What struck you from the observation?</li> <li>• What new did you learn about the family?</li> <li>• What new did you learn about the infant?</li> <li>• How does the observation connect to ECE 209?</li> </ul>  |  |