

# Observation of an Infant Paper

ECE 209-L

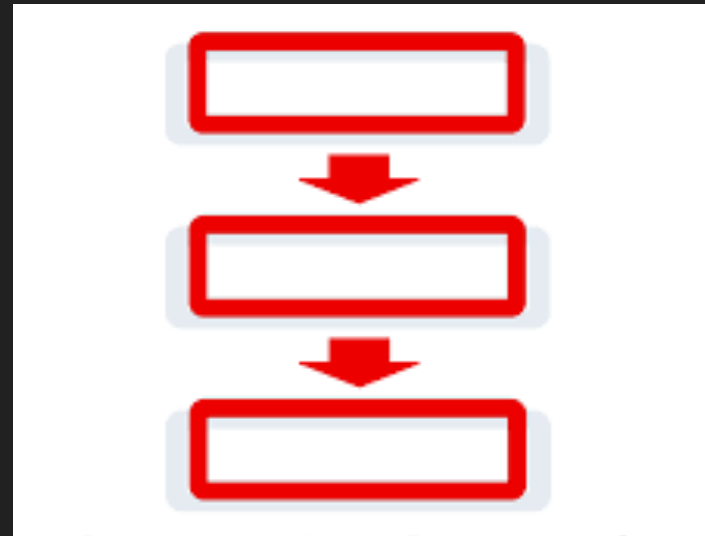
# Format



- 3-4 pages
- Typewritten
- Double-spaced
- 12 point font
- Standard 1" margins

# Sections

1. Introduction
2. Summary of Observation
3. Conclusion



# Introduction Paragraph

Describe:

- Who was present
- When the observation took place
  - Day
  - Date
  - Time
- Where the observation took place
  - Borough & neighborhood
  - The space in detail – how the furniture was arranged
  - The materials in the space
  - Where you were positioned in the space
- Infant's physical appearance
  - Hair -- color, texture, length, style
  - Facial features --- eyes, nose, mouth, cheeks, etc.
  - Body type
  - Clothing



# Observation Summary

- Begin with what happens when you arrive
- Describe 6+ vignettes/ mini- stories that you feel best capture who the baby/ family are:
  - Each vignette ~ 2 minutes of observation
  - Explain how the child:
    - ACTED
    - INTERACTED
    - REACTED
  - Include at least 1 routine
- End with what happens when you leave
- ***Be descriptive -- use rich vivid details so the reader can picture what's happening!***



# Conclusion Paragraph:



1. What struck you from the observation?
  - During the observation
  - Writing the paper
2. What did you learn about the child?
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
- Include important:
  - Facts
  - Details
  - Patterns of behavior

