

OPIHI Poster/Webpage

This final project demonstrates the importance to students of making a public record of what they have accomplished. Each group will be designing posters that summarize what they've done in the project. Save them electronically in a format that can also be posted on a website. The posters should incorporate pictures, text, and drawings or other media, and should be eye-catching and visually pleasing as well as incorporate all the relevant information. Students can display their posters during an open house which they can plan and host for other scientists, teachers, students, local researchers, and the community. During the open house the students will be responsible for sharing the results of their project and answering questions about it. They can also ask their classmate colleagues about their projects and provide feedback on their work.

For Students - their poster should:

- Give an overview of the project and describe the goals.
- Explain what methods they used to do their work.
- Describe what they found at each site and compare sites (if you did this).
- Give an overview of what you found with a critical analysis that attempts to explain why you think you found those patterns.
- Describe things that did and did not work, explain why they did or did not work, and make suggestions for what you could do to improve this project were it to continue. In general, did you accomplish your goals?

Procedure for Computer Lab Poster Making:

Try to schedule a big chunk of computer time, for instance 5 days in the computer lab. The following table divides the work into a manageable chunk for each day. By following these suggestions, your students should be able to accomplish all of their tasks in the available time:

Day 1	Describe goals, methods
Day 2	Summarizing site data from site(s)
Day 3	Comparing sites to one another (if went to more than one site)
Day 4	Overview of what we found and why you think we found it (remember those details & justifications/explanations)
Day 5	Critical analysis (did we accomplish our goals, why not, how could we improve)

Making a poster in Power Point:

1. Open a new file in Power Point and select a blank slide as the slide format.
2. Go to the file menu and choose Page Setup. There is an option for "slides sized for". Click on this menu and choose Custom. You can then select a new height and width. For height, choose 36 inches, for width, choose 24 inches.
3. Use the text box option on the drawing toolbar to insert text. Make sure your students proofread their text carefully. Spelling and grammar should count as it's going to be your public display of what they did, so they should want it to look good.
4. Make CDs with pictures available for your students so they can insert the pictures digitally using the picture option on the insert menu. If they would like to put in a picture or drawing that is not digital, that is okay, just make sure they leave space to paste it onto their poster.

Remind your students to be smart, be efficient, and work productively. Remember that they are receiving a grade for behavior, and from their peers on their work, so they should work together, work hard, and stay on task.

**A lab report should incorporate many of the same information if you choose to assign your students a formal report.