

Stereotyped Format

*Here, that's
a good thing!*

- Title
- Abstract
- Introduction
- Materials & Methods
- Results
- Discussion
- Conclusion
- References

5. Be thoughtful.

6. Last item.

-- As you progress.

1. Start here!

2. What done? How?

3. Explain, examine.

4. Think hard!

-- As you progress.

Desiderata

Descriptions must be **precise**.

Try to be **objective**.

Procedures must be **complete**.

Data must be **exact** (or error bars given).

Logic must be **transparent**.

Conclusions must be **clear & concise** (“clean”).

Do not leave anything to the reader’s imagination.

I try to leave out the parts that people skip. Elmore Leonard