

Notebook Cover Sheet Format for Open Category

NOTE-1: Each person is required to keep a notebook, and each person should prepare a cover sheet for their notebook. Not every person will fill in every heading because some of the headings are specifically for individuals working alone, and some are for two individuals working together. The amount of information being entered into any one of the following headings can vary by individual as well as by topic. Consequently, the format is generic so the spacing may be adjusted as needed. This page is only an informational guideline and is not intended to be used as a blank form.

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Scientist name: (Even if you have a mentor or supervisor, you are the scientist)

Team Name (This is needed if two people are working together):

Title and Main Purpose of the investigation:

Topic within the Open category: (For example: Botany; Biochemistry/Molecular Biology; Environmental Science; Physics & Astronomy; etc.)

Investigation start and end dates:

Subtopic being investigated. (This is specifically for when there are two people working together and each might be doing a separate part.)

My role in the investigation and/or what I contributed. (This is specifically for when there are two people working together and each might be doing a separate part.)

What seemed most interesting while doing the investigation (up to three things)

What I learned while doing the investigation that I didn't know before (up to three things)

What I found that confirmed (and/or changed) how I thought about the original purpose of my investigation.

What I would like to investigate further, and why.

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NOTE-2: In the Open Category, an abstract is required. An abstract is typically ¼ to ½ page in length and provides a summary of the investigation. Information from all participants is incorporated into the abstract. The two items labeled What I learned and What I found can provide some of the background information. For more specifics and requirements for preparing an abstract, go to the Exposition website (<http://nhsee.org>) and then click on Students > General Information > Forms > Abstract Form.