

**Introduction:**

The introduction is the beginning of the body of your lab report. This section should give the reader a detailed background on the “what” and “why” of the experiment, and put the experiment into a *broader context*. Attempt to put into words your response to the following questions. *What* was the purpose or objective of the experiment? *Why* was the experiment conducted in a particular manner? *Why* was it important in a broader context? Refer to your textbook or other sources of information to help you put the experiment into context. The introduction section should *not* simply state the obvious (for example, “This experiment was conducted in order to learn the technique of recrystallization.”).