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Explorations in Physics Summary Guidelines

You should write your individual project summary as if a fellow student (one *not* on your project team) is reading it. Your fellow students should be able to understand exactly what you did and why you did it. In addition, there should be enough detail to allow the reader to re-create the experiment and obtain similar results. Thus, if you devise a unique method for making a measurement, your technique should be described in reasonable detail. You may use graphs and data generated by your group but *your diagrams, sample calculations, and wording must be your own.*

Length and Style:

A typical summary should be 5 – 7 pages long (double-spaced) and include diagrams, graphs, data tables and sample calculations as appropriate. In some cases additional information can be appended to the report such as important data. The report must be formatted with each section set off with a header. The text should contain clear, concise prose (w/o bulleted lists). However, equipmen