How to Write up Labs and Experiments

Name Date Block

Title: Include an experiment # if given.

Purpose: Why are you doing this experiment? What theory or idea are we

testing in this experiment?

Materials: List the equipment necessary for the experiment.

Procedure: If the procedures are given step-by-step in the text, make a

reference citing the text name and pages used. If none are given then you must record in, order, what was done to reach the conclusion of the experiment. Changes in the directions for either write-up of

the procedure, as given by the teacher, should be noted.

Observations

and/or Data: What happened in the experiment? Data tables, diagrams,

calculations, and graphs may be required here. They should all be

labeled accordingly, and completed in PENCIL.

Questions: Answer the questions which are assigned from the text, which often

summarize and apply what has be learned. Always answer in complete

sentences.

Conclusion: State specifically how the PURPOSE was realized or met. That is, the

facts to be learned as a result of doing this experiment. The

observed data may be summarized in this section.