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Lab day and Time
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Start first paragraph of intro here; do not label as introduction. Remember the inverted triangle--go from broad to specific. Include background: in the introduction, you should be citing your pre-lab reading. Remember in-text citations. What did the other study do? Relate this to the current research. State hypothesis. Should be around 3-4 paragraphs.

Method

Participants

Who was in the study? State all and only information for the study and your conclusions; may include age, gender, ethnicity etc. (In our lab reports you are the participants! Therefore you should state that students from the Psych 100 course at the University of Richmond participated in the study for course credit.)

Procedure

Be specific here. What did we do? If there was a survey include examples of questions in the survey. If there was a task describe the task. Should be in paragraph form but needs to have a step by step explanation of what was done in the experiment. Can include how the data was analyzed. Everything should be in past tense, since you already did it!

Results

State what you found. For example: The mean of the control group ($M = $, $SD = $) was larger than the experiment group ($M = $, $SD = $). Figure 1 shows the means for each group.

This section will usually be short when writing up your labs.
Discussion

Now think of the upright triangle. Go from specific to broad. Was the hypothesis supported? Remember, NEVER SAY PROVE! We do not prove things in individual experiments. Relate back to previous research (your pre-lab reading) Once again here you will be using in-text citations. How do our results relate to what the previous study found? What were some limitations? Try and think of at least 3 substantive limitations. What are some future directions for research? Finally, what are the real world implications/applications of the findings? This should be around 4-5 paragraphs.
References

Last Name, Initial., Last Name, Initial., Last Name., Initial etc. (Date). Title of article with only first word capitalized. *Name of Journal in Italics, volume number, page numbers.*

Note: all references are given in the Table of Contents!
Include graphs on last page. Label as Figure 1, Figure 2, etc.

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