

Planning and Writing Your *KIC Journal* Article

In addition to your presentation, you will write an article about your KIC research, which will be published in the *KIC Journal* and on the KIC website. Think about your article as the story of your questions, investigation, and discoveries. This is your opportunity to share your work with those who might not see your presentation but are interested in your investigation. Future generations of KIC participants may be inspired by your work, so include enough details for others to understand what you did and what you learned.

Guidelines for What to Include in Your Journal Article

Article title and authors

- Record the title of your investigation and the names of the members of your research group.

Questions/topic

- What is the topic of your investigation?
- How did you become interested in this topic?
- What specific question(s) did you explore during your investigation?

Background information

- What background information did you learn about your topic that is interesting and important to understand related to the focus of your investigation?

Your investigation

- What did you do to investigate your question(s)?
- Use your scientist's notebook to summarize important events or moments in your investigation from the very beginning to the end.

Discoveries

- Share what you learned from your investigation.
- What were your successes and failures?
- What surprised you?

Next steps

- What new questions do you have as a result of your investigation that could be investigated in the future?

Resources

- Record the resources you used to conduct your investigation (books, interviews, journal articles, etc.).

Illustrations/tables/charts

- You may include any data you wish to share related to your article.

Remember, this article will be published, so proofread and edit your work carefully.