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## Basic Abstract Writing

- 1. Problem statement -“the catch”**  
includes general problem, but also makes reference to the specific study/experiment that was conducted
- 2. Basic Procedure**
- 3. Key Data – basic stats or trends**  
how this is represented is study/experiment specific
- 4. Conclusion Statement**  
what did the study/experiment determine – possibly relate to a previous study

**NO PRONOUNS – WRITTEN IN PAST TENSE – LIMIT TO UNDER 150 WORDS**

*Sustainable commercial fishing can only be achieved by maintaining the delicate balance between resource consumption and the ocean ecosystem’s ability to replenish. Fishers equipped with adequate gear harvested goldfish from an aquatic ecosystem for four years or until a year with no successful catch. Twenty five percent of the fishers depleted the ocean of fish after just one year harvesting, and ninety percent of all fishers did the same in three years. Annual overharvesting beyond the sustainable yield decreased the goldfish population which in turn led to the decrease in participation of the fishers in the industry. Quantitative data sustain Garret Hardin’s Tragedy of the Commons thesis that depletion of an environmental resource will occur when too many people have free and unmanaged access.*