

Lab Notes Quick Reference Sheet

- 1) A figure on the Highlights page would make the explanation a bit easier.
- 2) The English sentence construction is a little awkward.
- 3) Proper nouns need to be capitalized. (A favorite one to ignore is Figure.)
- 4) Graphs made in Excel need to be customized. You can do this by left clicking on the part you want to customize and wading through the options. It is nice to use vertical grid lines if you use horizontal ones. Experimental data should use the point type of graph, and theoretical or modelled data should be displayed as a line. See the “Graphsmanship” handout for further tips on the axes, on graph annotation, legends, etc.
- 5) The page is upside down. The top should go toward the top of the book or toward the spine.
- 6) Spelling mistakes will normally just be circled.
- 7) You and your lab partner are sharing too much on the write up. You may share graphs, but please do your own organization and write up.
- 8) Put your data at the end of your lab. The idea is to have the most important stuff first, and the supporting material later.
- 9) You have an incomplete sentence.