**Background Report**

As part of your investigation you must collect background information about your topic. The background report will later become part of your written report**. You should document all research in your data notebook including the date(s) of when you were researching your topic.**

The background report should include the following:

1. General information about your topic
2. General information about your variables in your experiment.

\*Note: **You do NOT write about your experimental set up. This is written later in your research plan.**

1. 3-5 pages, typed, double spaced, 12 pt. Times New Roman font.
2. Cite 5 references from different sources.

-One source MUST be included in your bibliography. Citing this source is your acknowledgment to the rules and regulations of Science Fair:

-Websites should be documented *specifically*

Example: http:/npin.org/library/2001/n00584/n00534.html

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**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*Your background report should be written in YOUR OWN WORDS\*\*\*\*\*\*\***