[*Abstract*](https://web.mit.edu/course/21/21.guide/abstract.htm)*.* Briefly state the (1) research problem, (2) methodology, (3) key results, and (4) conclusion. Generally, abstracts are between 100 and 150 words--roughly 5-10 sentences (for research articles), in the case of a thesis book it could be 500 words

Questions should be answered:

What are you going to do

What is the purpose of the study or research?

What methods or approaches were used in the study or research?

What are the main findings or results of the study or research?

What are the implications or significance of the findings?

Chapter 1: [Introduction](https://web.mit.edu/course/21/21.guide/introduc.htm). State (1) the [purpose](https://web.mit.edu/course/21/21.guide/purpose.htm) of the investigation, (2) the [problem](https://web.mit.edu/course/21/21.guide/prob-sta.htm) being investigated, (3) the [background](https://web.mit.edu/course/21/21.guide/backgrou.htm) (context and importance) of the problem ([citing](https://web.mit.edu/course/21/21.guide/csxlr.htm) previous work by others), (4) your thesis and general approach, (5) Why is your chosen approach more important than others, and (5) the criteria for your study's success.

Chapter 2: Literature Review