What is the question that the authors are trying to address? Try to state this in plain english

what the authors wish to achieve.

*2)* What do they do to address this question? If experimental, what are the experiments that

were done? If modeling, what is it that they modeled?

*3)* What did the find? This should be as literal as possible - try to separate what the

experimenters conclude from what data are presented.

*4)* What did they conclude given what they found? Here try to state what the conclusions of the

paper are based on the results.

*5)* You should also include at least one question at the end of the synopsis. The question may

take the form of a criticism of what is concluded, a detail of the methodology that may change

the way the results are interpreted, a possible alternative explanation for the results, an idea

for a new experiment based on the paper or simply a question about something you did not

understand very well and wish to understand better. This question (or questions) should be a

possible discussion point for the class discussion.