Judging Backboard Recommendations

Listed below are some recommendations for building a successful and competitive science project backboard.
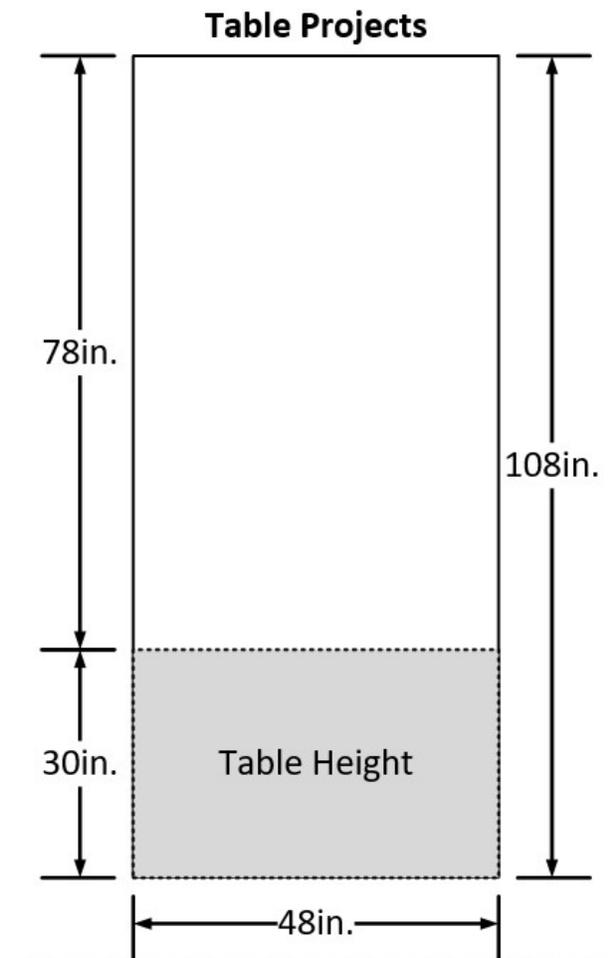
1. Project Dimensions
   a. Overall Maximum Measurements
      i. Height: 108 inches
      ii. Width: 48 inches
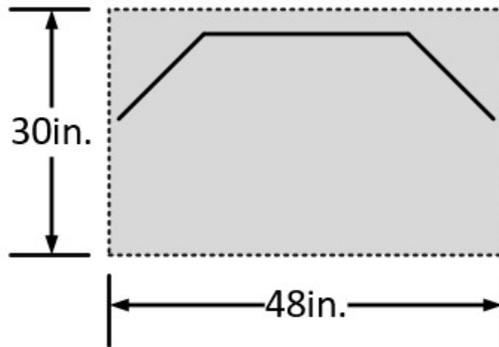   iii. Depth: 30 inches
   b. Table Projects
      Effective Project Display Measurements: 48" width, 78" height

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c. Table Projects cannot exceed 30" depth.

2. Project Layout and Flow
   a. Key Sections

   At a minimum your project should have the following sections on the backboard.
      i. Problem
      ii. Hypothesis
      iii. Procedure
      iv. Data
      v. Results
      vi. Conclusion
      vii. Application
   viii. Future Research

   <u>Additional Notes</u>

      i. Each section can contain text, photos, graphs, charts and/or illustrations.
      ii. Include a small text box with information:
         a. saying who made the sketches and graphs, and
         b. who took the photos.
   b. Abstracts and Forms
      i. Abstracts can be on the backboard or on the table.
      ii. Some projects require Forms like
         1. ISEF Form 1C if working at a Research or Industrial setting; and/or
         2. ISEF Form 7 if a continuing project.

      These Forms may be displayed either:

         1. by placing the Forms vertically in a plastic holder on the table, or
         2. by placing the Forms directly on the backboard.
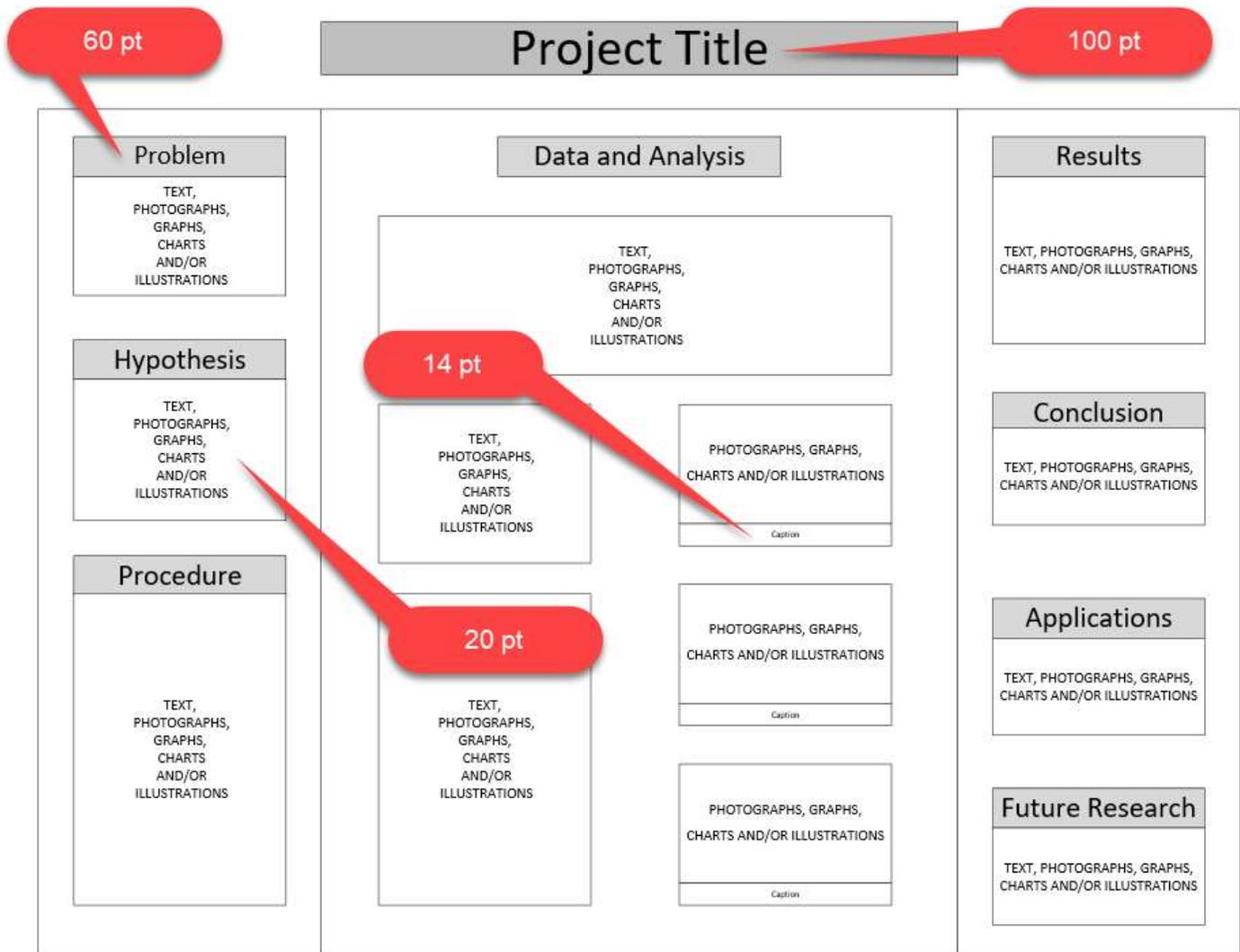
c. Project Flow
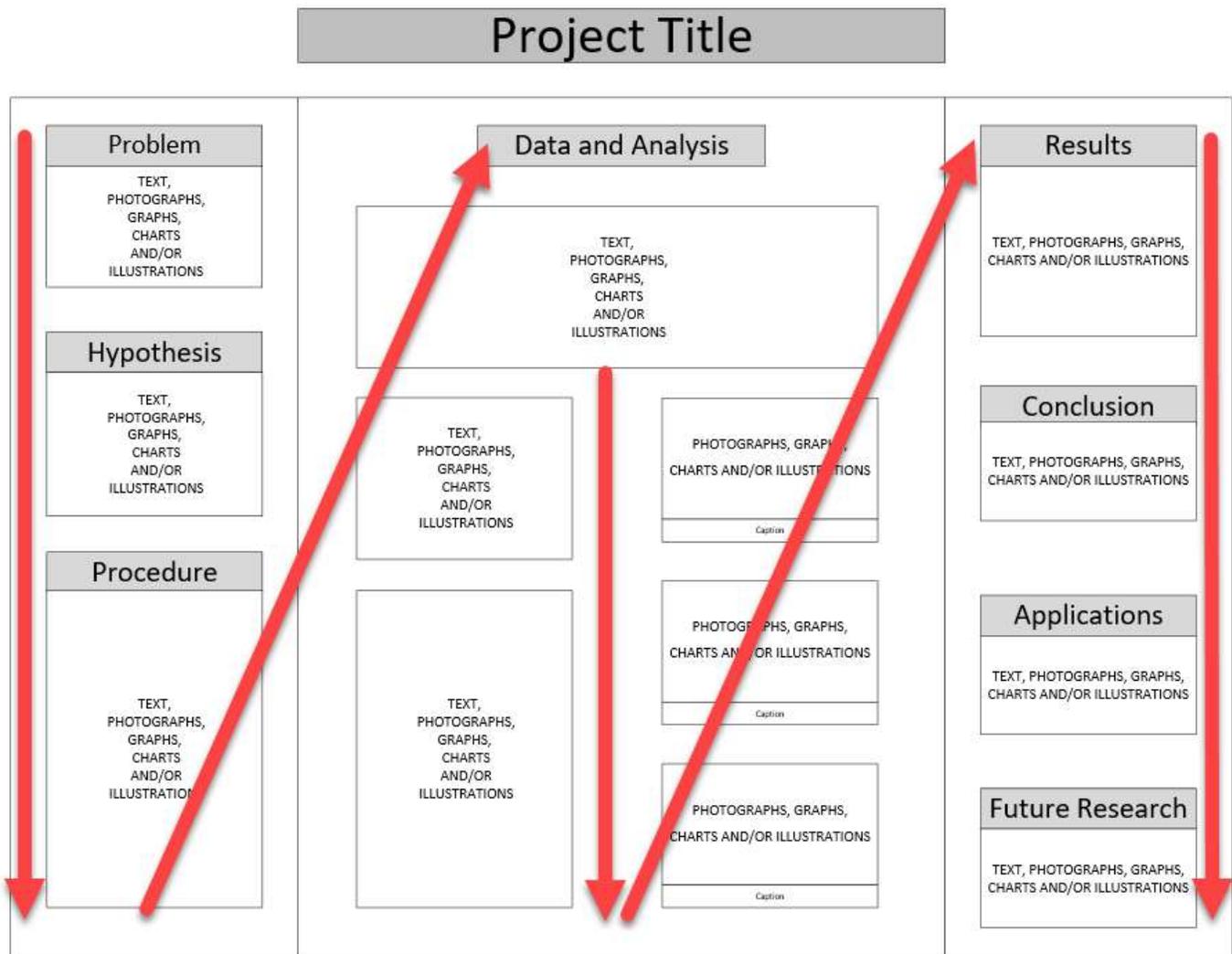
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3. Project Font and Size
    a. Use sans-serif fonts (for example *Calibri, Arial*)
    b. See below for recommended font sizes.

4. Use bullet points instead of single paragraphs with many sentences.
5. Avoid putting too much information on the backboard. At least 35% of your backboard should be white space.