

Psychology Fair
Student Handout 14: Developing Your Psych Fair Hypothesis

The question that your psychology fair activity answers is the focus and the purpose of your project. Follow these steps to develop your research question.

1. **List testable relationships for your topic.** Within every topic are items, circumstances, or events that have or may have a relationship with one another. Use the following table to list several relationships for the topic or topics you are considering. List only relationships that can be proved or disproved through testing.

TOPIC	RELATIONSHIPS
Success	Success and Self-Affirmation

2. **Generate possible cause-effect questions about the relationships you identified.** Below, write questions for the relationships you are considering for your project. For experiments, use only cause-effect questions. Each question should clearly state the cause-effect relationship being posed. *Example: Does consuming a particular food affect ability to memorize?*

Does self-affirmation affect a person's success?

Write and Refine your Question from #2 into a Thesis Statement for #3

To be effective, a thesis statement must meet the following criteria:

- Answer a relevant question that could be asked about the topic.
- Contain qualifiers that limit the statement to a precise and defensible point.
- Be an affirmative statement.
- Be as brief as possible (one sentence is ideal).

3. **My Thesis Statement.** Check your final statement for correct spelling, grammar, and length-the shorter the better. This statement is the one you will test at the fair. Write it below.

Self-Affirmation statements affect personal success in activities that take place within 5 minutes after the affirmation