

GY 402 Sedimentary Petrology (W)
GSSA Writing Assignment Three
Grain Size Project; Introduction and Results

Introduction: Well by now, you should all be aware of the structure and context of the introduction of a term paper. The introduction provides a brief overview of the topic (including the location of the study site), expressly states the purpose of the project, and more or less catches the attention of the reader. Because it is outlining the intent of the project, the purpose statement in the introduction is written in future tense.

Another important section of a term paper is the results section. Follow the format that I gave you in an earlier handout about paper structures. Be sure to include a summary table of your results, not just the printouts generated by the grain size spreadsheet. They, by the way, are best put in an appendix at the back of your report. Do NOT add any interpretations to your results in the results section of the paper. That happy task is done in the discussion section of a paper.

Your Task: I would like you to write up the introduction and results section for your grain size research project. Your introduction will probably exceed one page and your results section (with tables, select histograms, ternary plots etc.) will likely not exceed 2 pages (typed, double spaced, 12 pitch Times Roman font). I do not expect to see a complete results section at this time. I know that some of you are still doing analyses and/or are still working on these data. However, it is in your best interest to give me what you have.... you will need a bit of help to interpret your data. Once again, I want to see one write up for each 2 person team. Same rules and procedure as last time:

The assignment is a team effort, requires a GSSA cover letter and is redo-able (see webpage one for the guidelines concerning resubmissions).

Due date/Revision date: refer to the due dates page on the website/calendar.