Marketing Planning & Strategy

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How can I help?

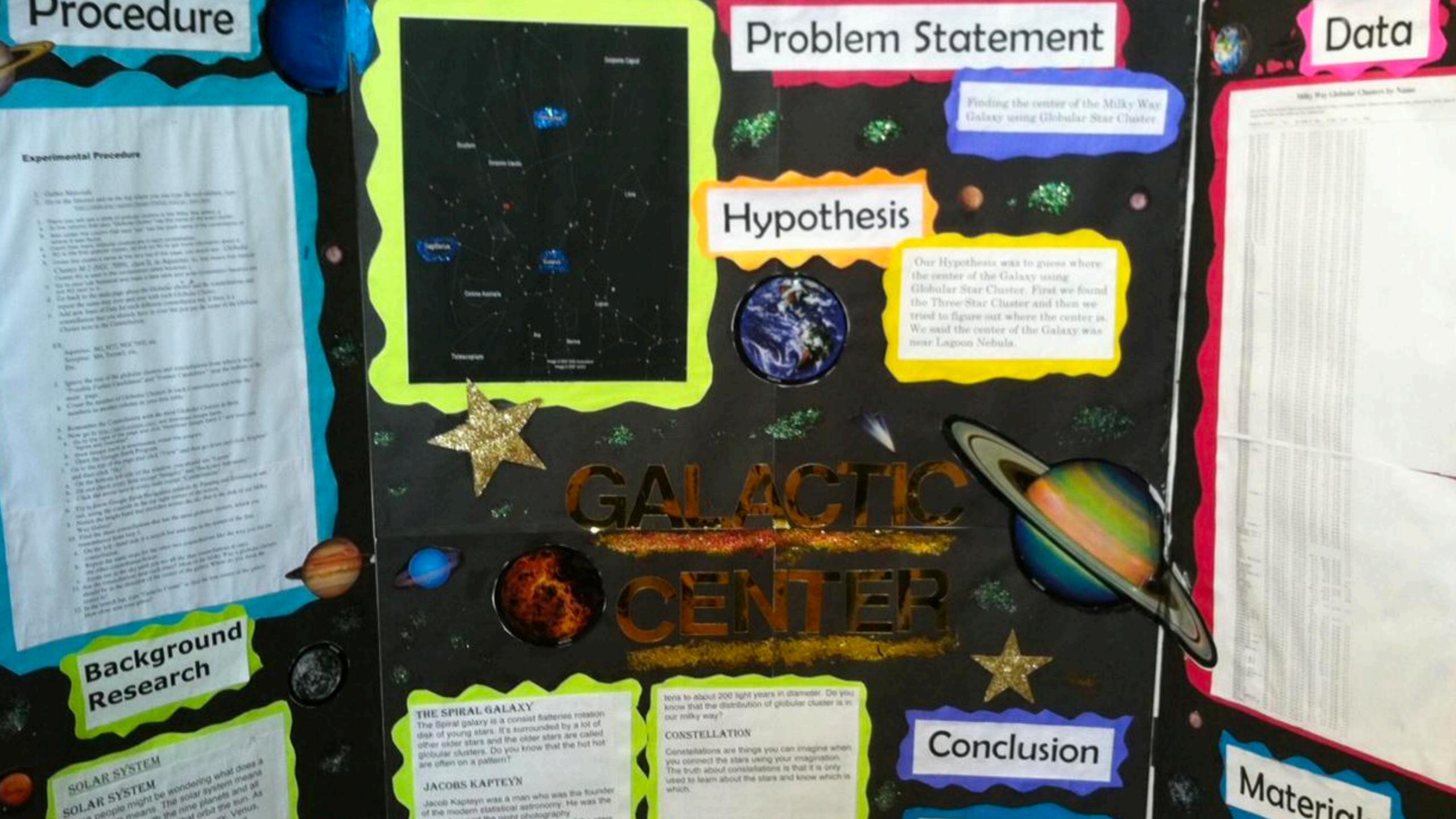
Marketing Planning





"A marketing plan is a strategic road map for how you communicate (online and offline) with your target audience to successfully promote your products or services."

"Your Guide to Creating a Small Business Marketing Plan"
Skye Schooley
business.com



Marketing planning in 5 steps:

- 1. Audience
- 2. Call to Action
- 3. Message
- 4. Channel
- 5. Metrics

Audience	Call to Action	Message	Channel	Metrics
Who are you talking to?	What do you want them to do?	What will they want/need to know?	Where is the best place to reach them?	How will you know you're successful?

First things first: <u>Know</u> your product.

Your Foundation: Product and Position

PRODUCT

What are you (really) selling?

POSITION

What about your product makes it the best choice? What problem does it solve?

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Audience

Group of people most likely to be interested in or served by your product

Audience		
Who are you talking to?		

Audience pro tips:

- Plan for one audience at a time
- Unsure about your audience?
 - Refer to your positioning
 - Look at your current customer base
 - Analyze your social media following

2 Call to Action

Call to Action

Desired next step for your audience (once you reach them)

Audience	Call to Action		
Who are you talking to?	What do you want them to do?		

Call-to-action pro tips:

- Plan for one call to action at a time
- Keep it simple with clear direction
- Use action words (buy, visit, learn, share...)
- Make it as easy as possible (accessible!)

3 Message

Message

Information that will convince your audience to take the desired next step

Audience	Call to Action	Message	
Who are you talking to?	What do you want them to do?	What will they want/need to know?	

Message pro tips:

- Refer to your positioning
- Help your audience decide to take action
- Be concise
- Include only points that are needed

4 Channel

Channel

Place(s) you promote your business or product to your target audience

Audience	Call to Action	Message	Channel	
Who are you talking to?	What do you want them to do?	What will they want/need to know?	Where is the best place to reach them?	

Channel pro tips:

- Select channels with audience in mind
- Customize message and call to action per channel
- Consider audience mindset and availability
- Reach out where you will be well received

5 Metrics

Metrics

Measures of progress or success

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Metrics pro tips:

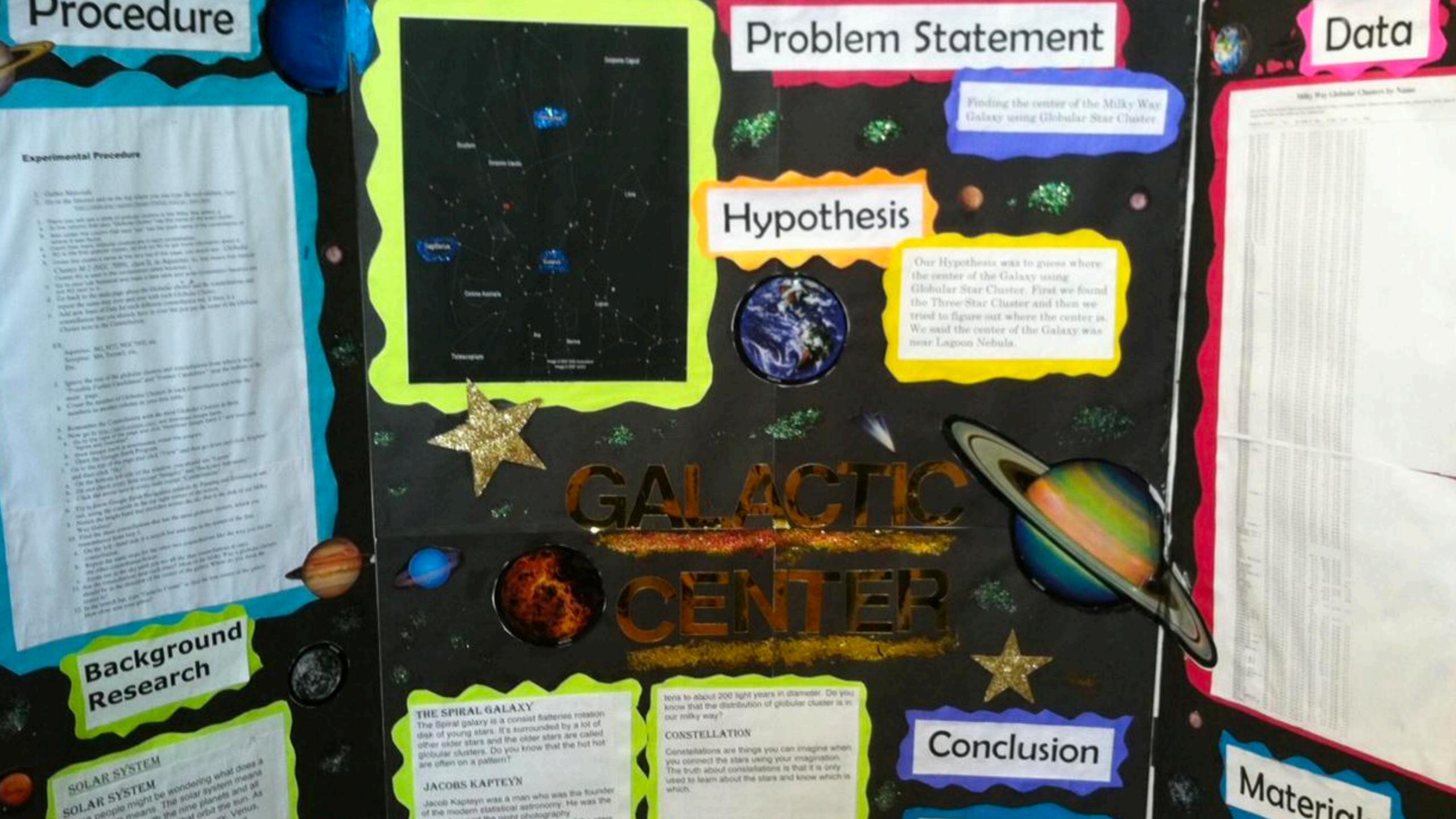
- Remember that product sale is the ultimate goal
- Evaluate marketing-specific metrics in alignment with product goals
- Approach measurement as part of an experiment
- Use metrics to inform future strategy

PRODUCT: Fido's Pog Food

POSITION:

Fido's Pog Food is organic, premium dog food that makes dogs healthier and happier so they can be part of our families longer.

Audience (1)	Call to Action (1)	Message(s)	Channel(s)	Metrics
Who are we talking to?	What do we want them to do?	What do they need/want to know?	Where is the best place reach them?	How will we know we're successful?
Pog owners who consider pets a part of the family	Visit the website to	 We only use premium, organic ingredients Our ingredients are scientifically linked 	Instagram	 Marketing: Ad link CTR; web visits Product: Increase in dog food sales
	buy dog food	 to longer lives for dogs Well-cared for dogs have better quality of life 	Facebook	



Perspective & Troubleshooting

Our work is made up of experiments.

A plan should be built to serve you, not the other way around.

When results fall short, walk back through the plan to find opportunities to refocus for the audience.

"...fear and discomfort are an essential part of strategy making."

"The Big Lie of Strategic Planning" Roger L. Martin Harvard Business Review January/February 2014

"In fact, if you are entirely comfortable with your strategy, there's a strong chance it isn't very good."

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Questions?

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