I. Briefly describe the rock

The rock is the revision of the Sociology program at Chabot College based on student needs, trends in the discipline, collaboration with other campus programs that include sociology courses as requirements or electives, collaboration with our major transfer programs/majors to increase a seamless transfer for our students.

II. Briefly describe the impetus for wanting to spend time studying the rock.

The above proposed analysis of the Sociology Program has not been done in the past decade. While each semester Sociology courses consistently have an average fill rate of full capacity, Chabot students would benefit from increasing collaboration between the Sociology Program and other programs at the college and other programs at our transfer universities. Students would benefit if the Sociology Program provided lower divisions offers that complimented university lower division requirements for related majors.

III. Briefly describe the way the rock -the question, the project - is discussed in the hallways, or how it is referred to in meetings, in documents, in student feedback, in colleague feedback or by other disciplines.

It is often assumed that Sociology offers a major at the college and a number of our students believe that they will be able to major in Sociology (which they are unable to do at this time and thus usually select Behavioral Science as a major). The breadth of our course offerings could justify a major but student needs should be the basis on whether or not we develop a major or whether we collaborate with other disciplines to provide perhaps a joint major in perhaps Social Psychology or Family Studies, for example.

IV. Briefly describe what is difficult or murky, thorny or seemingly intractable about the rock -the question, the project.