

Component 2: Final Literature Review Paper

Assessment and Formatting Requirements

Assessment of Paper:

Article summaries will be graded on how well you accurately represent the topic in general as well as the various components of each article (see instructions for the Literature Review for details as to what to include for the various components of each article).

Your paper will also be assessed in terms of critical thinking about each article (identifying central arguments and key concepts), as well as the ability to make connections between articles.

Your paper will be graded in terms of overall organization as well as in terms of overall “flow” (e.g., smooth transitions between paragraphs, etc.).

Finally, your paper will also be graded on adherence to APA formatting and citation style

APA Style

Below are the necessary APA style and formatting requirements that you should follow. Let me know if you have any questions.

- The entire document should have 1-inch margins, use 12 pt Times New Roman font, and be double-spaced (this includes title page and reference page)
- You should have a title page according to APA style. Title page should include a title that clearly indicates which research topic you chose, as well as a page number and running title
- You should include APA style page numbers and appropriate running head on all pages
- You do NOT need an abstract.
- You should use APA-style internal citations and include an APA-style reference page
- **Do not “pad” your paper** with unnecessary information. If you do so, your grade on the paper will be **reduced by one letter grade** (e.g., A- down to B-)
 - o The only place that the title of an article should appear is in the reference page – do NOT include the title of any article in the body of your paper.
 - o The first name of authors should not appear anywhere in your paper—in the body of your paper you should refer to authors by their last name only and in the reference page you only include their last name and first and middle initials.
 - o Finally, unless you plan on making a point about how unusual participants are a particular institution, do not mention where the authors are from or where they conducted their study

If you are unfamiliar with APA style, please see the following website for a detailed description:
<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>

Important Note on Quoting and Plagiarism:

Do not include any quotes. I will repeat, **NO QUOTES**. Psychology articles rarely use direct quotes and, hence, I am asking that you practice avoiding their use as well. If you include quotes, your grade **will be reduced by one full letter grade** (e.g., an B- down to a C-) – and this is addition to the letter grade reduction that may be earned by padding the paper with unnecessary information.

As always, your paper must be in your own words as well as in your own sentence structure. Do not copy from either the textbook or from the articles you are summarizing. Also avoid paraphrasing—using the same sentence structure but just switching up some words or the like is still plagiarism.

You should cite the articles (and textbook) using APA style.

Length of Paper

Your paper must be at least 12 pages in length and no more than 17 pages in length – this includes the title page and one reference page (if you have more than one page of references, then the requirements of the paper will also be one more additional page). In short, the body of your paper (not counting title page or references) must be between 10 and 15 pages in length. Your final grade on the paper **will be reduced by 10%** for each page under or over the stated limits.