

Critical Article Review Paper (Instructions, Tips & Resources)

1. Select a topic related to Abnormal Psychology that you would like to use for your Critical Article Review Paper. **The article that you select should be published in the last 5 years.**
2. Go to **Library** under the **RESOURCES** tab in the online classroom
Click on the **Resource** tab on the left side of the **Library Home Page**
Type in the word “**Psychology**” in the **One Search** box
You will then find the following list of Psychology Databases:
 - [PsycARTICLES](#) ●
 - [Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection](#) ●
 - [Psychology: A SAGE Full-Text Collection](#) ●
 - [PsycINFO](#) ●
3. Be sure that the article that you select was published in an APA peer-reviewed journal. Information about APA’s journals can be located at: [APA Journals](#) or <http://www.apa.org/pubs/databases/psycarticles/coverage-list.aspx>
4. As you read the article, take notes about the rationale for the research, the research method (approach used to study the abnormal psychology topic), results, discussion and conclusion.
5. Next you should reflect on the information presented in the APA peer-reviewed journal.

6. Instructions for the Assignment:

In this assignment you will write a critical review of an article from an APA peer-reviewed journal. You will evaluate the article and demonstrate that you can discern empirical research from pseudo-science. Please take a logical approach based on an awareness of empirical thought, which includes an awareness of the bi-directional aspects of research.

7. Here is the rubric for this assignment:

Rubric for Critical Article Review Paper	Below	Average	Above
The student showed a basic understanding of the research questions and the research findings.	1.0	1.5	2.0
The student displayed an ability to critically examine aspects of the study, such as demand characteristics, external validity, and the selection of subject population.	1.0	1.5	2.0
The student identified at least one critical dilemma in the study (ethical/socio-cultural)	1.0	1.5	2.0
The student used APA citations and references when referring to the assigned article	1.0	1.5	2.0
The student explained the benefits of such research and future trends.	1.0	1.5	2.0
Total: 10 points			

Critical Article Review Paper Resources:

1. Empirical Research:

Information about empirical psychological research and research methodology in psychology can be found at [APA Databases Methodology Field Values](#) or <http://www.apa.org/pubs/databases/training/method-values.aspx> (The handout is also attached) Additional information can be found under the **Course Resource** Tab under the **Content** tab in the online classroom. **Click on Research Strategies**

2. Pseudoscience:

Information about pseudoscience and psychology can be found at: [10 Commandments of Helping Students Distinguish Science from Pseudoscience in Psychology](#) or <http://www.psychologicalscience.org/index.php/publications/observer/2005/september-05/the-10-commandments-of-helping-students-distinguish-science-from-pseudoscience-in-psychology.html>

3. Ethnic and Socio-cultural factors in psychological research and practice:

Information about Socio-cultural considerations in psychological education, research and practice can be found at <http://www.apa.org/pi/oema/resources/policy/multicultural-guidelines.aspx> **Introduction to Guidelines: Assumptions and Principles.** A complete copy of APA's **Guidelines on Multicultural Education, Training, Research, Practice and Organizational Change for Psychologists** is attached.

4. APA Citations Help:

For additional information on **APA Citations:** click on **Library** under the **Resources** tab in the online classroom. Click on the **Get Help** tab on the left side of the Library Home Page. Click on **APA Examples** ([APA Examples](#) or http://www.umuc.edu/library/libhow/apa_examples.cfm) or **APA Tutorial** or http://www.umuc.edu/library/libhow/apa_tutorial.cfm