

HDFS 3300: Introduction to Educational Psychology: Article Critique Instructions

Directions: Locate a recent (2011 or later) peer-reviewed research article related to a topic in educational psychology that emphasizes human development, learning, motivation, instructional applications, individual differences, tests **or** measurement. Ensure that it has a “methods” and “results” section and **a .pdf copy of the article is available**. Read the article. Once you have read the article submit a .pdf copy of the research article and **then complete the handout below and submit it by the due date and time**. Please see the course schedule for the following assignment due dates:

- 1) Peer-Reviewed Article
- 2) Article 1 Critique
- 3) Peer-Reviewed Article II
- 4) Article II Critique

This assignment should be completed using proper grammar and complete sentences (beginning with Item 3 below). There should be no direct quotes. Instead, you should paraphrase material when needed. It is your responsibility to avoid plagiarism when completing this assignment. If I find that you have plagiarized or copied someone else’s work, you will receive a 0 and be reported to the appropriate UH administrators. To earn full credit, be sure to answer each question completely and thoroughly. Responses that are plagiarized will be flagged and appropriate measures will be taken.

Copy and paste the section below **ONLY** to submit to Turnitin.com.

1. What is your topic?
2. What is the APA Style reference, including the DOI, for your chosen article?
3. What is the primary objective of this study? In other words, what was the research question or hypothesis?
4. Provide a summary of the information that was discussed in the literature review (or background) section of this article. This is the section that comes **before the method section**.
5. What information did you learn in the literature review section that helped you to understand the topic of the study better?
6. In your own words, how was the study conducted? What was the sample and what did the participants do? What did the researchers do?
7. What were the results of the study? In other words, what did the researchers find after they conducted the study?
8. Do you feel that the research questions or hypotheses that the study intended to test were answered adequately in this study? Why or why not?
9. There is always room for improvement. Think carefully and explain how you think this study could have been improved?
10. Think creatively and describe at least one new research idea that you can think of after reading this study.
11. Explain how the findings of your article are consistent with (or similar to) other things that you have heard or read about this topic.
12. Explain how the findings of your article are inconsistent with (or different from) other things that you have heard or read about this topic.