

RUBRIC FOR FINAL RESEARCH QUESTIONS & RESEARCH METHODS PAPER

SOC 340

Criteria	Needs Improvement 1	Meets Expectations 3	Exceeds Expectations 5	Your Score
Is the paper organized into an intro, body, and conclusion?	Disorganized, leaves the reader wondering what is being said	Paper has Intro, body, conclusion although weaknesses in development may be present	Smoothly written, easy to read, topic introduced, organization clearly evident	
The purpose, and possible Research Questions, of this proposed research project is explained.	Possible research question for this proposed study was not provided	A possible research question for this proposed study was included but may be vague, unclear, or not fit the intent of the study.	A possible research question for this proposed study has been provided.	
Is the topic sufficiently narrowed and related to socialization?	The topic was too broad and/or not clearly related to socialization.	The topic was narrowed down, even though it may still have been quite broad, and related to socialization.	The topic was clearly narrowed down and it was very clear that it was related to socialization.	
Strengths and weaknesses of the research method	Limited or lack of discussion of either strengths or weaknesses	Strengths and weaknesses of this research method were discussed although one or the other may have been less thoroughly presented	Strengths and weaknesses of this research method were discussed in detail with explicit discussion of each	
Ethical considerations	Little or no mention of ethical considerations	Ethical considerations regarding the use of this research method were explained in detail	Ethical considerations regarding the use of this research method were explained in detail; alternatives were discussed	
Including the scholarly article	Scholarly article was not mentioned or may have been mentioned only most superficially; citations were incorrect or absent	Reference was made to the scholarly article including the citation in APA format	Specific examples from the scholarly article were included, including citations in correct APA format	
Writing style and organization of the paper.	Ideas are not connected, little or no supporting facts or use of material from the article, parts are confusing, and/or includes generalizations.	Ideas are connected, important points make sense, citations are used, and facts and examples support the main ideas	Ideas are connected, important points make sense, citations are used, and facts and examples support the main ideas. Logical flow of ideas, transitions are used.	
References to the textbook are included with citations.	Textbook references may or may not be made with no citations.	Textbook references are made but citations are not always included.	Textbook references are made and citations are included.	
Is the paper free of MUGS errors?	Exceeds 10 grammatical and/or punctuation errors.	Between 4-6 errors, but they are minor and do not detract from the paper.	No errors whatsoever!	
Formatted according to APA requirements	More than 4 APA formatting errors evident.	The paper adheres to APA with 1-3 minor infractions.	Complete adherence to APA requirements with no errors.	
Total Score				

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