

Written Assignment: RESEARCH ARTICLE ANALYSIS

Choose an empirical (i.e. scientific) **research** article from a professional research journal. You can use one of the articles provided below or you can find one of your own articles from a professional journal. Remember, your article must be a research article. You can tell it is a research journal article, and not just an editorial article, because a research article will have the [7 parts of a research article](#) (i.e. **Title, Abstract, Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion, References**). Once you have chosen your research journal article, then write up a 3-4 page analysis of your chosen research article answering the questions in the **“Reading a Research Article”** (*attached to this page*).

FORMAT: 3 or more pages, 1" margins, double spaced, normal 11-12 point font. All papers must be neatly typed and proofread. Write up answers in the following format:

Question 1.	Answer.
Question 2.	Answer.
Question 3.	Answer. etc.

DUE DATE: (Final Exam due date)

GRADING: This written assignment is worth 50 points. Points will be reduced for spelling, grammar, etc., and for lack of content.

Reading a Research Article

Directions: Choose an empirical study from a research journal. Note: To be a research study, it must have all 7 parts (**Title, Abstract, Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion, References**). Once you have your article, then answer the following questions:

1. Write the reference for your research article in APA style.
2. Write an overview or brief summary of the article. Indicate your assessment of what the study is about and the major findings of the study.
3. According to the introduction, what information was already known about the topic (look for references to previous research)?
4. What variables were studied? What were the hypotheses concerning these variables?
5. What were the operational definitions of the variables studied (Note: an operational definition is defining a variable according to how you will measure or manipulate it. For example, one could define depression according to a certain score on a Depression Scale.)?
6. Who were the participants in this study? What were their demographic characteristics? Were there any special subject characteristics?
7. What were the procedures used to test the hypotheses? Did you notice any problematic features of the procedures?
8. Was the experimental (i.e. cause & effect) or correlational (i.e. show relationship) method used? Were there attempts to control any extraneous variables? How?
9. What were the major results of the study? Were the results consistent with the hypotheses?
10. How do the results relate to other studies cited in the introduction?
11. How did the researcher interpret the results? Can you think of alternative interpretations?
12. Did the author give suggestions for future research or applications? Can you provide other suggestions?
13. What would you do if you wished to find out more about this research topic?