

Grading Criteria for Critique of Research Article

Each section = 4 points except as noted. Total points possible = 50

Content/Elements	Points
<u>Abstract:</u> What elements of the study did the abstract address?	
<u>Problem:</u> What is the problem statement? Why is the problem significant? What is the purpose? How is the project significant, feasible and researchable?	
<u>Literature Review and Theoretical Framework:</u> Discuss the references: how current, pertinent and representative of the issues, are the sources for the literature review mostly primary, secondary or anecdotal, and what is the theoretical framework?	
<u>Research Design Elements:</u> What is the research design? What is the hypothesis or the hypotheses for the study? Or, what are the research questions?	
<u>Study setting and instruments:</u> Where did data collection occur? What is the validity and reliability of the instruments used? Is this the best way to get the information?	
<u>Sample:</u> How many subjects were in the study? Based on the study did the sampling method and number of subjects seem appropriate? What is the target population? Is the sample representative of this target population?	
<u>Replication:</u> Is the procedure clear enough to enable replication?	
<u>Discussion:</u> What did the researchers find?	
<u>Conclusions:</u> What are the conclusions of the study? How did the conclusions relate to the hypotheses or the research questions? How will the findings generalize to the target population? Are the results consistent with prior findings, new or contradictory, and how?	
<u>Limitations:</u> What limitations were identified? What are some other limitations which were not identified? What are the suggestions for further study?	
What did you learn? Were the results new/interesting to you? Why did you pick this article?	
Included: Rubric, copy of the article, and review - 6 points total, 2 each	

Helpful hints for the article critique

- Make sure the journal is one which fits the class.
- Make sure the article is an empirical study.
- Make sure the research was conducted within the United States.
- Make sure the article is no older than 10 years.
- Make sure you use complete sentences and answer all the questions
- If the article is not empirical, within the United States and/or less than 10 years old I will not grade the assignment and you will receive a zero.