



Alternative Research Article Assignment

You will receive research participation credit for completing the alternative assignment, which will go towards your final grade in the class. It is important for you to put your best effort into completing the assignment. If you have questions about this assignment, please contact the Administrator, Dr. Maria Maust Mohl (maria.maustmohl@manhattan.edu) for further information.

The purpose of this assignment is to increase skills in reading, understanding and summarizing primary sources of psychological literature. The assignment must be typed, double spaced with 1 inch margins and should be between 2-3 pages long. Number your responses to the questions in the same sequence as they are presented. You must answer each question using complete sentences. Grammar, spelling, and punctuation will be evaluated. Your answers must be stated in your own words (i.e. paraphrase)-direct quotations are not permitted. Remember you only have 2-3 pages, so you will need to be thorough when addressing all of the questions while being as concise as possible.

Article summary and implications. Find a research article published in the last 6 months from a journal published by the American Psychological Association. Read the article and answer the questions below.

1. Describe the purpose of the study.
 - a. What are the hypotheses/predictions?
 - b. Identify the independent (what was manipulated) and dependent (what was measured) variables and describe how both were operationally defined (in other words how the researcher defined and/or measured each).
2. Summarize the methods of the study.
3. Looking at the results of each study, describe the important conclusions. Do the results support the hypotheses? Explain why.
4. What are the strengths of each study?
5. What are the limitations of each study?
6. What are the implications of the overall study? How do these results apply situations in your own life?
7. Give the reference information for the article in APA format.

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