

Journal Critique and Summary

Each critique should be typed in the exact format that is below - i.e. underlined heading, and then a 1.5 spaced discussion for that section. Be sure to paperclip the article you are critiquing to your paper.

Reference (3 points)

This section simply includes all appropriate bibliographic information for citing the specific article you are critiquing *not the references used in the article's*. (APA style).

Rationale (3 points)

Report on why the research was undertaken (i.e. justification of the study.)

Research Question / Problem (5 points)

Explain the research question(s) and specific hypotheses used in the study. Elaborate on how the question(s) addresses the problem area being studied.

Method (6 points)

Describe the research design selected for the study. Include information about who was studied, what was observed, when the observations and/or measurements occurred, and how the data was gathered.

Findings / Interpretation (8 points)

Detail the findings / interpretations from the study. Note whether these statements were supported by data and linked to previous research.

Conclusions (5 points)

Summarize the research application(s) given by the study's author(s). Discuss what the author(s) found to be new knowledge in the area.

Critique (20 points)

Discuss the clarity of the sections in the research study. Elaborate on ethical issues brought up by the study, and the author's efforts to eliminate bias. Review and critique the listed limitations and suggestions for future research. Give your overall impression of the study and the conclusions that were reached.