

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUMMARY OF JOURNAL ARTICLE

NOTICE: Journal article summaries must not be plagiarized. Plagiarism (which includes copying material from another student or directly from a book or article) is a form of cheating. If a student is suspected of plagiarism, the Psychology Research Administrator will inform the course instructor and investigate the matter. If it is established that the student plagiarized, a penalty will be assessed according to University policy.

Materials: The student must select an article from one of the scholarly journals in psychology listed below. Articles should meet the following criteria:

1. The articles should come from PRIMARY sources. A primary source presents original research conducted by the author(s). The article should contain all the information necessary for a reader to replicate the research (e.g. how many participants were used, the materials or apparatus used, the statistical analysis) so that the reader can judge the study's scientific merit.
2. Review articles in which the author(s) summarizes past research, but does not present an original research study are not acceptable.
3. Students must NOT use information from popular press books or magazines (NO Psychology Today articles).

Below is the list of approved journals. Cook Library has many of these journals on the shelves on the second floor. In addition, some of the journals are available online through the Cook Library website. Go to the reference desk on the second floor of the library if you need help finding an article.

Adolescence, American Journal of Family Therapy, Basic and Applied Social Psychology, British Journal of Social Psychology, Clinical Psychology: Science and Practice, Developmental Psychology, Exceptional Children, Journal of Applied Social Psychology, Psychology and Aging, School Psychology Review, School Psychology Quarterly.

Writing the summary:

All summaries must be typed, be in prose (not outline form), and conform to proper grammar. Each summary should be 2-4 double-spaced pages in addition to the cover page. **The student must include a photocopy or printout of the complete original journal article.**

Deadline: Friday December 2nd.