

Research Report for Research Credit

IMPORTANT DEADLINE: To Be Announced. Hand in your report at the Psychology Department Office (PY 200).

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Name _____ Student ID Number _____

PSYC 101/102 Instructor _____ Section number _____

Author(s) of article

Date of publication

Title of article

Journal name

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. **The student must include a *photocopy* of the complete original journal article.**

Attach a typed report in which you answer the following questions:

1. Describe the general topic of the research paper (e.g., social psychology, cognition, personality, developmental, clinical disorders....).
2. Describe the specific hypothesis or question being tested.
3. If the research was an experiment, what were the independent and dependent variables? If the study was correlational, what were the important variables measured?
4. Briefly describe the method used to test the hypothesis (e.g., who were the participants, what were they asked to do, how were data collected...).
5. What did the researcher find? Note: Students do NOT need to provide precise statistical data; it is more appropriate to give a summary. What conclusions can be reached from this research?
6. How are the results important (e.g. Can they be applied to solve social or individual problems, do they change the way other studies are interpreted, do they support one theory over another, do they help explain past research findings?)
7. Identify and discuss shortcomings or limitations of the research.
8. What were the author's suggestions for future research?