**This worksheet has three parts. Parts 1 and 2 ask you to provide information about a topic you may want to use for your synthesis. Part 3 asks you to indicate which topic you are most interested in writing about.**

**Your instructor will provide feedback about your topic ideas and your preferred topic. Your instructor will indicate whether your chosen topic is approved. Once your instructor has approved your chosen topic, you can begin your research.**

**Part 1**

**Section 1:**

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| **First Possible Topic:** | Post-Partum Depression (PPD) |
| **Type of Paper** (pro/con, problem/solution, misconception)**:** | Misconception |
| **Explanation** (why do you think this topic fits with a pro/con, problem/solution, or misconception structure? Keep in mind that it’s okay to adjust this later; this is just one tentative plan for approaching your paper): | A lot of people don’t know what Post-Partum Depression is, but even if they do, they often assume it won’t happen to them. I certainly thought this! I wish I hadn’t had misconceptions about PPD when I was a new mom, and I wish I had known that it also affects new dads. I want to help other parents understand it better by addressing the misconceptions and informing them about how they can get help if they experience PPD. |

**Section 2: Internet Search Results (at least two required)**

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| **Source #** | **Title** | **Link** |
| 1 | Angela Nelson, “Common Misconceptions about Postpartum Depression” | <https://www.webmd.com/depression/postpartum-depression/common-misconceptions> |
| 2 | Stacey L. Nash “6 Myths about Postpartum Depression” | <https://psychcentral.com/depression/5-damaging-myths-about-postpartum-depression> |
| 3 | Sarah Bradley “How Long Can Postpartum Depression Last—and Can You Shorten It? | <https://www.healthline.com/health/depression/how-long-does-postpartum-depression-last> |

**Section 3: Scholarly Article Search Results**

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| **Search Terms:** | Postpartum depression |
| **Number of Search Results for “peer reviewed” sources:** | 2,029 |

**Scholarly Research Articles (at least two required)**

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| **Source #** | **APA Citation** | **Name of the database where you found the source** (e.g. EBSCO, Academic Search Premier, JSTOR, etc.) |
| 1 | Yim, I. S., Tanner Stapleton, L. R., Guardino, C. M., Hahn-Holbrook, J., & Dunkel Schetter, C. (2015). Biological and psychosocial predictors of postpartum depression: systematic review and call for integration. *Annual review of clinical psychology*, *11*, 99–137. https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-clinpsy-101414-020426 | EBSCO |
| 2 | Peng, K., Zhou, L., Liu, X., Ouyang, M., Gong, J., Wang, Y., Shi, Y., Chen, J., Li, Y., Sun, M., Wang, Y., Lin, W., Yuan, S., Wu, B., & Si, L. (2021). Who is the main caregiver of the mother during the doing-the-month: is there an association with postpartum depression? *BMC Psychiatry*, *21*(1), 1–8. https://doi.org/10.1186/s12888-021-03203-4 | Academic Search Premier |
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**Section 4:**

**Topic Focus**

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| **Is this research topic focused enough? Should it be broader or narrower?** |
| I think my topic is still a bit too broad, and many of the 2,000+ sources do not seem to be directly related to misconceptions. |
| **How could you adjust your search to find more/different sources?** |
| I could try “postpartum depression AND fathers” to see if I can find more specific scholarly sources on that misconception. Then I could try “AND medication” and “AND talk therapy” to see what else I can learn about possible solutions to addressing this misconception. |

**Part 2**

**Section 1:**

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| **Another Possible Topic** | Humanoid Robots (like the new TESLA bot) |
| **Type of Paper** (pro/con, problem/solution, misconception)**:** | Pro/Con |
| **Explanation** (why do you think this topic fits with a pro/con, problem/solution, or misconception structure? Keep in mind that it’s okay to adjust this later; this is just one tentative plan for approaching your paper): | TESLA has been doing cool work with space tech, autonomous cars, and electric cars for years, but now Elon Musk is working on a robot. There have been a lot of science fiction movies that show both the pros and cons of having humanoid robots in our lives—everything from the Jetson’s maid to the Terminator—but now that this tech looks more and more feasible, I’d like to better understand what the real pros and cons are for creating Tesla Bots that interact with and act like everyday people. |

**Section 2: Internet Search Results (at least two required)**

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| **Source #** | **Title** | **Link** |
| 1 | Jackson Ryan “Elon Musk unveils Tesla Bot, a humanoid robot that uses vehicle AI” | <https://www.cnet.com/news/elon-musk-unveils-tesla-bot-a-humanoid-robot-utilizing-vehicle-ai/> |
| 2 | Andrew Maynard “Elon Musk’s Tesla Bot raises serious concerns – but probably not the ones you think” | https://theconversation.com/elon-musks-tesla-bot-raises-serious-concerns-but-probably-not-the-ones-you-think-166714 |
| 3 | Dan Mihalascu “Musk: Tesla Bot Most Important Product Being Developed In 2022” | https://insideevs.com/news/563498/tesla-robot-mostimportant-product-development/ |

**Section 3: Scholarly Article Search Results**

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| **Search Terms:** | Humanoid robot AND jobs |
| **Number of Search Results for “peer reviewed” sources:** | 2 |

**Scholarly Research Articles (at least two required)**

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| **Source #** | **APA Citation** | **Name of the database where you found the source** (e.g. EBSCO, Academic Search Premier, JSTOR, etc.) |
| 1 | Humanoid robots. (2007). *Journal of College Science Teaching*, *36*(5), 8. | EBSCO |
| 2 | Hinds, P. J., Roberts, T. L., & Jones, H. (2004). Whose Job Is It Anyway? A Study of Human-Robot Interaction in a Collaborative Task. *Human-Computer Interaction*, *19*(1/2), 151–181. https://doi.org/10.1207/s15327051hci1901&2\_7 | EBSCO |
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**Section 4:**

**Topic Focus**

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| **Is this research topic focused enough? Should it be broader or narrower?** |
| “Robots and jobs” is too narrow! I can tell that I will need to look beyond the pros/cons of using humanoid robots to do human jobs, and I’ll probably want to read more of the internet sources so I know of what other pros/cons to look for with humanoid robots. |
| **How could you adjust your search to find more/different sources?** |
| I could also try using different words for “jobs” (i.e. employment, industry, caregivers, etc.). I’ll also try looking at things like “humanoid robots AND emotion” or “AND language.” |

**Part 3**

**Which of these two topics do you want to write about for your annotated bibliography and explanatory synthesis?**

I am most interested in writing about post-partum depression.

**Why do want to write about this topic?**

I think it is important to educate people about the misconceptions surrounding post-partum depression. This topic has personal meaning to me, but it also could impact other people who have struggled or who have family members who may struggle with post-partum depression.