

Paper Assignment

The paper assignment is worth 20 points and will provide you an opportunity to familiarize with the basics of academic articles in psychology. To complete the paper assignment, you will need to choose a topic that is **relevant to psychology (i.e., human mind and behavior)** and find one **peer reviewed journal articles** on the chosen topic. Your topic needs to be in the form of a specific research question you want to ask. A list of sample topics is included below.

Your paper is consisted of two sections. The total length of your paper should be at least 2 pages in APA format, double spaced (not including the title page). For the first section, you need to summarize the article, including at least the following elements:

- a. A reference of the study in APA format.
- b. The purpose of the study.
- c. The research questions/hypotheses of the study.
- d. Method used in the study.
- e. Findings of the study.

For the second section, write about what the study tells you about the topic. Think about the following things:

- a. Does the study answers your question well?
- b. If yes, how does it answer your question? If no, explain which part of your question is not answered by the article?
- c. What are some of the limitations of the study? What would you do to address such limitations?

Sample Topics:

1. Do people who have physically attractive spouses also have higher marital satisfaction?
2. Does distancing oneself from work during off-work hours (psychological detachment) help employees recover from work stress?
3. Does playing video games benefit your brain?
4. Are materialistic people happier or less happy?
5. Men vs. Women: Who are more resilient to romantic relationship breakups?

Title Page in APA format

Shanock, L. R., & Eisenberger, R. (2006). When supervisors feel supported: Relationships with subordinates' perceived supervisor support, perceived organizational support, and performance. *Journal of Applied Psychology*, 91, 689-695. doi:10.1037/0021-9010.91.3.689

Insert your summary (Section 1)

Insert your thoughts on the article (Section 2)