

Summary Guidelines

You are expected to read and summarize at least one of the papers that are going to be presented in class and turn it on Bloque Neón. There is a 3-page limit, but you should try to condense the most critical information in concise, well-written Spanish or English.

Each summary should be divided into four sections. The odd sections should be short; the even ones long.

1. **QUESTION:** What is (are) the question(s) the paper is trying to answer?
2. **METHODOLOGY:** What methodology is the author using to address the question? Describe the theory and/or empirical methods.
3. **CONCLUSION:** What conclusions does the author reach?
4. **LIMITATIONS:** How are the conclusions sensitive to the methodology used?

Rubric

Items	Description	Points		
		Poor (0)	Good (0.5)	Excellent (1)
Question	What is (are) the question(s) the paper is trying to answer?	Does not identify the question/hypothesis of the paper.	Misses one or some of the hypothesis.	Identifies and understands the hypotheses presented.
Methodology	What methodology is the author using to address the question? Describe the theory and/or empirical methods.	The description lacks detail or is not well understood. Does not describe the underlying identification assumptions.	Describes the methodology but lacks proper details.	Clearly explains the methods and underlying assumptions.
Conclusion	What conclusions does the author reach?	The conclusion lacks detail or is not well understood.	Describes the methodology but lacks proper details and repeats what is said in the text verbatim.	Understands and clearly explains the main conclusions of the paper.
Limitations	How are the conclusions sensitive to the methodology used?	Does not discuss any possible limitations of the methodology.	Discusses the limitations of the paper.	Discusses the limitations and proposes ways to address them.
Writing	Well-written Spanish or English	There are noticeable spelling and grammar mistakes. Copies directly from paper.	Minimal spelling &/or grammar mistakes.	No spelling &/or grammar mistakes.