



Homework 3

Undergraduate Research Methods in Psychology

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1 Purpose and Context

This homework will help prepare you for structuring an introduction section of a research paper, a skill you will readily use in application to your research proposal in the following weeks. This scaffolding helps better plan out the literature review before writing, leading to more organized and better-flowing writing.

2 Prompt

This homework is a follow-up from your work done for homework 2, please re-familiarize yourself with the “plot” of that assignment and what work you have from it. Please also ensure you have reviewed my comments and suggestions on your work as well.

The clinical psychologist was very impressed with your annotated bibliography on psychotherapy for PTSD! They found it very helpful in guiding their own reading. They are feeling so inspired that they have actually asked for your help writing an academic paper for publication. Given that you read and summarized those 10 sources, they are guessing you are feeling pretty confident on the existing literature and have asked you to plan the introduction section of the paper.

For the publication, they are specifically trying to address the research question of, “How do different forms of PTSD psychotherapy differ in their efficacy of treating symptoms of anxiety?” The introduction section needs to provide at least enough detail in order to give context to that question and describe the existing evidence in that area. Your goal is to write an outline of the introduction that identifies where sources could be appropriately cited to support this research. An outline is oftentimes bullet points and brief thoughts with citations to help organize the flow of your introduction.

In this homework, I will provide a recommended set of headers/sub-topics that you organize the citations under, but you may modify/add new headers if you feel it is useful (see [Recommended Headers](#)). I provide the 8 references from homework 2 that I feel are *related* to this topic in [Edited References List](#) section of this homework assignment. The result of the headers and bullet points is that you will have a good start on an outline of the introduction, to be transformed into writing later on.

You must:

- Use at least all the appropriate citations from your annotated bibliography in Homework 2 - I provide the ones that I think you should use in the [Edited References List](#).
 - Write a set of headers (at least 3) to organize the ideas of the introduction and/or use the provided headers under [Recommended Headers](#).
 - Under each header, give bullet point thoughts for each relevant citation, with at least two sentences per citation. These thoughts should explain how and why you are
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using the citation in this spot, not simply be re-summary of the source. However, your annotations from homework 2 are sure to be helpful!

- Each bullet point should be ended with an in-text citation of the relevant article to make that statement
- Include a reference section congruent with all used in-text citations.

3 Checklist

3.1 In Assignment

- ☐ All appropriate citations from homework 2 must be used at least once. Additional citations may be used if you desire, but you must include the ones from homework 2 that I show in [Edited References List](#)
- ☐ There are at least 3 headers total, under which bullet points are organized
- ☐ Each header has at least 2 bullet points underneath it
- ☐ Each bullet point should have at least two sentences, and have a relevant in-text citation to one of the appropriate sources
- ☐ Bullet points explain “why” and “how” a citation and idea will be used to service the central research question - and are not merely a re-summary of the source.

3.2 In References Section

- ☐ References should not include annotations from the prior section, this should be a plain reference list
 - ☐ Includes only those citations referenced with an in-text citations, within the assignment - no more, no less
 - ☐ All citations contain the full reference information for the article including: authors, year of publication, title of paper, journal name, volume number, issue number, page numbers, DOI link (if available)
 - ☐ References are all in APA 7 format, including double-spacing and hanging indent
 - ☐ References are arranged alphabetically according the first author’s last name
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4 Recommended Headers

- Description of Post-traumatic Stress Disorder
- Anxiety Symptoms in PTSD
- Existing Psychotherapy Treatments for PTSD

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