

Exercises and Assignments on Plagiarism & Paraphrasing / Literature Searches / Annotated Bibliography / Integrative Journal Summary (EXP 3082L Experimental Psychology Laboratory)

Information Literacy Student Learning Outcomes:

- Use library reference sources to gather basic information
- Use research databases to find articles in scholarly journals
- Develop a brief paper on the information gathered
- Use information ethically by citing sources

PsycINFO data base searches for literature related to research topic for Experimental Psychology.

1. Library Instruction on use of databases such as PsycINFO
2. PsycINFO exercise
 - a. Develop keyword search using own terms & evaluate first 10-15 hits
 - b. Consult *Annual Review* chapter on topic related to research interests to identify key words used to index this article; Consult *Thesaurus* to broaden or narrow these keywords and identify related key words
 - c. Develop a new keyword search based on these new terms & evaluate the first 10-15 hits
3. Plagiarism/Paraphrasing Exercise (see <http://uwf.edu/cstanny/Experimental/EXP3082Main.htm>)
Examine UWF web site on plagiarism: <http://uwf.edu/cas/aasr/Plagiarism.pdf>
Examine additional sites discussing varieties of plagiarism & appropriate methods for paraphrasing.
<http://www.dartmouth.edu/~sources/about/what.html>
<http://www.hamilton.edu/academics/resource/wc/usingsources.html>
<http://www.plagiarism.org>
Evaluate several examples of passages for plagiarism and appropriate use of paraphrasing. (Class activity and discussion)
4. Annotated Bibliography
 - a. Identify a theoretical paper and 9 useful empirical papers based on the research topic
 - b. Write a summary/annotation for each, without plagiarizing the original material
 - c. Identify 5 sources from the searches that looked like they might have been useful but were not. Describe why these were determined to not be useful for the project.
5. Integrative Journal Summary
Select two related articles that report empirical findings from your annotated bibliography. Write a two-page paper based on these two articles in which you do the following:
 - a. Identify the research problem that the two studies addressed. (Related articles will address similar research questions.) (5 points)
 - b. Give a brief summary of how each study approached the research problem, including a discussion of how the authors manipulated variables to create a meaningful comparison to answer the research question, the dependent measures used, and the important findings were used to support the answer they provide for the research question. (10 points)
 - c. Describe how the two studies are related. Studies might be related in a variety of ways. For example, one study might support the findings of the first study and show how they might be extended to a new domain. Or one study might identify a problem in the way the first study was carried out and provide evidence that different outcomes and

conclusions emerge when different procedures are used. (5 points)

- d. Evaluate the relative merits of the two studies and suggest how the combined findings should be interpreted. Support your assertions. (3 points)
- e. Provide the full APA citation for the articles using correct APA format in a Reference section. (2 points)