**Observational Research Experiment Paper**

**Due: Week 6**

**Length: 7-10 pages, typed and double spaced**

**Please note:**

Your *title page, abstract and reference pages* **do not** count as one of your 7-10 pages.

Papers that have excessive spacing to create a 7-10 page paper will lose 10 points immediately. Papers that use lists to create 7-10 pages will lose 10 points immediately.

You are **NOT** allowed to use direct quotes in this assignment.

At this point in your academic career you should be able to successively articulate enough about a given topic to produce a quality, creditable, academic document that correctly meets assignment requirements.

**Style: APA**

**Required Sections of an APA Style Research Essay**

**Title Page** – Will serve as a cover sheet for your paper

**Abstract** – Should provide a 50-75 word abstract of your essay’s conclusion

**Introduction** – Should recall your critical question and share your hypotheses.

**Problem** -

**Review of the Literature** – Explain what experts have written about this field of study.

**Methods** – Describe your approach to answering the research question

**Results** – Share your findings, including visual aid(s) (table, chart, graph, etc.)

**Discussion/Conclusions** – Discuss your interpretations, analyses and critical observations. Discuss you conclusions based on your research experiment findings. Discuss what you found but were not looking for. Discuss what you could have done differently. Discuss ideas for future researchers who are researching this same topic.

**Reference** – List the references for your literature review.

As a group, you will need to decide the type of instrument to develop for your observation research.