Building and demonstrating a solid knowledge base by synthesizing the contents of research articles is a critical skill in the completion of the dissertation literature review. For this assignment, you will expand your knowledge base and engage in the annotation portion of synthesis by reading and annotating articles related to your research topic.

**General Requirements:**

Use the following information to ensure successful completion of the assignment:

* Articles used for this assignment will be the source material for the first discussion question this week.
* Doctoral learners are required to use APA style for their writing assignments. The APA Style Guide is located in the Student Success Center.
* You are required to submit this assignment to LopesWrite. Refer to the directions in the Student Success Center. The similarity index must be less than 20%.

**Directions:**

Locate and read 5 empirical articles related to your research topic.

Provide an annotated bibliography of each article. Each annotation should be 150-250 words excluding the article citation and persistent link. Include the following for each article:

1. The article citation and persistent link. These are *not* included in the total word count. Be sure to verify the accuracy of the reference formatting as these can change during the insertion process.
2. A written summary of the key concept(s) of the article. Why was the study done? What was the population studied? What did the researcher(s) conclude? What other information about this study do you believe is unique or important to recall? Are there specific statements made by the author that you wish to retain?