**American Psychological Association (APA) - Literature Review Assignment**

**STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**

1. **Locate APA source material on the Northwest Vista College library website. Three (3) articles only.**
2. **Cite those sources in-text throughout your paper utilizing paraphrasing.**
3. **List those sources on a separate “References” page in APA format.**

**CHOOSING A TOPIC:**

**You may pick any topic on psychology from the classroom discussions, exams, PowerPoints or the NOBA site. It should be a topic of interest to you.**

***Start with a broad topic such as:***

* **“Eating Disorders”**
* **Narrow to “Bulimia”**
* **Narrow to “Pre-teen girls”**
* **What factors are driving this behavior? The media, online and television commercials, reality shows…? Isolate one of these causes and locate some APA articles on the EBSCO search engine.**
* **Make sure you can find the minimum number of APA articles to support this topic. If you cannot, time to reconfigure your choice.**
* **If you are unsure about the topic, please contact me to discuss and to narrow down your topic of choice.**
* **You are to locate three (3) APA articles through the Northwest Vista College Library portal.**

**\*\* Your goal is to choose research from the present year to 20 years ago (1999 – 2019). Past this time frame, the research is considered dated and no longer relevant for the purposes of this assignment.**

**RESOURCES:**

* [**http://alamo.edu/nvc/library/**](http://alamo.edu/nvc/library/) **(click on “Databases”, click on “Social Sciences”, click on “**[Psychology & Behavioral Sciences](https://proxy.nvc.alamo.edu:4443/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?authtype=ip,uid&profile=ehost&defaultdb=pbh)” link. Enter your ACES ID and BANNER ID.
* <https://www.apa.org/pubs/databases/psycarticles/coverage-list.aspx> (list of sample APA Journals)
* Start your Boolean search **by entering key words (example: “Teenagers” and “marijuana”.)**
* [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jMV7X3W\_beg**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jMV7X3W_beg) **(search “boolean search basics” )**

**GO TO….https://owl.english.purdue.edu/. This site has sample APA formatted papers.**

**Format for citing 3-5 authors:**

[**https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research\_and\_citation/apa\_style/apa\_formatting\_and\_style\_guide/in\_text\_citations\_author\_authors.html**](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/in_text_citations_author_authors.html)

**PARAPHRASING:**

***Paraphrasing*** is defined as “a restatement of a text or passage giving the meaning in another form, as for clearness; rewording.” (Source: [www.dictionary.com](http://www.dictionary.com)).

**SOME OF THE RULES:**

1. **DO NOT put direct quotes from the article into your paper. Paraphrasing is a must.**
2. **NO charts, graphs or filler statistical analysis. Restate the methodology and research outcomes in structured sentences.**
3. **DO NOT use the words “I”, “my”, “we” or any other pronouns. Why? Because you are writing about someone else’s research, not research you conducted. Use instead words such as “Researchers”, “The authors”, “Gibbs et al (2002) discovered that…”**
4. **DO NOT use contractions such as “Don’t” or ‘Shouldn’t”. Spell out both words – “Do not” and “Should not”.**
5. **DO NOT use or cite resources such as Wikipedia or any other search engine that does not support the social sciences. All the resources you will need to complete the assignment can be found on the Northwest Vista Library website. (**<https://www.apa.org/pubs/databases/psycarticles/coverage-list.aspx>)
6. **No papers on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder or Traumatic Brain Injury**

**RULES (continued):**

1. **If you have any questions regarding locating legitimate APA journal articles, please speak to a librarian or your instructor.**

**PLAGARISM:**

**CITE YOUR SOURCES! If you do not cite your sources, you are plagiarizing and taking credit for someone else’s original research, theories, ideas and or intellectual property. If you reference one sentence, one idea or research finding from a source, CITE IT!**

**FORMAT:**

***Here is the breakdown of each section:***

1. **Cover page (page 1)**
2. **Review in paragraph form with introduction paragraph, research methodology, and conclusions all with in text citations (pages 2 through 4)**
3. **References page (page 5)**

* **APA format with 12 font, Times New Roman, 1 inch margins.**

**GRADING**

**A separate scoring rubric with a breakdown of point value for each section will be provided.**

**The following minimums must be met before turning in your paper: ##**

1. **Paper stapled together**
2. **Grading rubric attached at the back**
3. **Cover page**
4. **References page**
5. **All words and numbers typed in Times New Roman font.**

**## Your paper will be rejected if *ALL* the above are not completed.**

**Due Date\*\*: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\*\***