Psychology 2314 Written Assignment  
Professor Hutchinson

Please read the following guidelines for your research paper and inform Mrs. Hutchinson of any questions or concerns you have regarding the details of this assignment.

1. Select a professional, journal article that addresses any topic found within the course text. Examples include: depression, anxiety, shyness, attractiveness, ADHD, stress, bullying, social networking, self-esteem, marriage, divorce, retirement, and psychoactive drug use. Articles need to be approved by the instructor to ensure they are appropriate for the assignment. Please submit articles for approval via email by assigned date. Students must use their WCJC issued student email address when communicating with Mrs. Hutchinson.

2. Utilize the WCJC library’s database proxy server EBSCO.
   * Search the Psychology Behavioral Sciences EBSCO collection
   * Select the following criteria: peer reviewed, full text, between 2010-2016
   * **Do not use** an article that is a “meta analysis” or utilizes “Psyc Info” or another research database. Be sure the article is conducting *new* research, not merely summarizing other people’s research in the entire article. You are looking for either a “Correlational” or “Experimental” design study and will need to identify which type of study you article conducts.

3. Filter through the results and select one journal article that meets the following criteria:
   - At least 7 full pages of text (excluding large visual aids and references)
   - You understand the concept of the study and feel comfortable paraphrasing the article
   - The article has an Introduction (although this is not always identified- see me for help identifying the “introduction section”), Method, Results, and Discussion section.

4. Read your article several times to confirm comprehension.

5. Email the article to yourself first. Then forward it to Mrs. Hutchinson via email for approval. Once approved bring a hard copy to class by assigned date for Mrs. Hutchinson to sign. This signed article must be submitted with the final paper.

6. The format of the paper must **be typed**, 12-font, 1-inch margins, Calibri or Times New Roman, double-spaced, and 3-4 (full) pages in length. **Do not use** direct quotations. **All information within your writing must be paraphrased. Do not use first person** (I, you, we, etc.) within your writing. For help with avoiding first person speech and improving professional tone, please seek help with myself of the Learning Assistance Center.
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7. The purpose of this paper is to **paraphrase the journal article**. Put the article in your own words to demonstrate understanding and comprehension. Make sure when you paraphrase you utilize professional tone and proofread. **No direct quotations are allowed**, so the entire paper must be paraphrased. Appropriate citation should be included within the body of the paper and Reference Page. Your discussion should address the following areas of the article:

*Overview of experiment*: discussion of literature found within the Introduction section of the article (previous studies that led the current researchers to pursue this new research); The current study: what is the hypothesis, what type of experiment (correlational or experimental—be sure to explain why it is that type of article), and what are the variables examined?

*Method section*- what is the population, who were the participants (age, gender, ethnicity, etc.), how were they selected, what were the measurements used (data collection methods), clarify any terms related to the study (operational definitions), and procedure (what was done—surveys given, observations, etc.)

*Discussion section*- general discussion of the results (found within the “Discussion” section of article: conclusions that are made- was the hypothesis true, null, or undetermined) and what do the results mean (basic explanation)? How can this study be applied to the bigger picture (the population and others)? What were the limitations of the study? How can it be improved in the future (these areas will likely be addressed within the article)

8. You must also include a Cover Page, in-text citation, and a Reference page in APA format. The Cover Page and the Reference page do not count as part of the 3 page requirement. In-text citation is required to avoid plagiarism. Even when you put information in your own words, you must cite the source you read the information from. A Reference page is required to cite your single source. We will discuss APA citation and guidelines within class. You may also seek help from the Learning Assistance Center (SCIENCE 100), SmarThinking online tutoring, or STEM Center.

9. Please have your name and identifying information on the cover page. Papers have an assigned deadline (date and time). Late papers **will not** be accepted FOR ANY REASON. The signed, approved copy of the article must be turned in with your paper. You may make notes on your article or highlight as needed.

Article Approval Due:  
Paper Deadline: ________________ @ beginning of class