

## Report of a Journal Article for 1879 Research Participation Credit\*

You are to select and read a research article from a *professional* Psychology journal; your article must have been published after 2000. The article you read **MUST** contain Method and Results sections — this defines a research article. Do **NOT** read essays or non-research articles. Try to get articles with only 1 study.

You may access these articles by either going to the Library or as “full-text” through the web. In either case, the reference librarian at Booth will be able to assist you if you encounter difficulties.

There are several ways to access full text research journal articles:

1. Go to the reference section of Booth Library and ask for help in locating the journals that they have in print.
2. Dr. Stowell has provided a demo on how to find articles in PsycInfo from the library:  
<http://psych.eiu.edu/dept/documents/psycinfo.htm>
3. Use Google scholar (<http://scholar.google.com/>) to search for articles – make sure that they are from scholarly, research journals.
4. From the EIU homepage, click on Booth Library. Choose Magazines, Journals, & More. (If you are not on a campus computer, you may need to enter your library number found on the lower right corner of your Panther Card.) Choose the third option (Resources By Subject, Psychology). Then click on the “Journals” Tab; you should be at this location:  
<http://www.library.eiu.edu/eresources/journals/websites.asp?subcode=EPS>. Choose the first letter of the title of the journal that you would like to peruse, or click on “Psychology.” There should be several choices of articles that have full text available or ejournals available.
5. Go to the website for the American Psychological Association ([http://www.apa.org/journals/by\\_subject.html](http://www.apa.org/journals/by_subject.html)). This is somewhat difficult to negotiate. Even though there are a lot of journals available, without a membership, you can only get full text access to a few articles from each journal.

\* If done correctly and with few errors, 1 report of a journal article is worth 1 hour of research participation credit. If poorly done, the report may be returned to the student for revision or not accepted for research participation credit. If you do more than 1 report for more than 1 hour of participation credit, each report **MUST** be from a different journal.

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1. Reference the article: Last name, First initial. Middle initial, Second author, First name. Middle initial, & Last author, First initial, Middle initial. (year published). Title of article: Capitalize only the first word of the title, and after a colon: In the title. Journal Name, Volume number, start page - end page.
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Answer each of the following questions in the space provided. (use **YOUR OWN WORDS!** it is plagiarism if you ‘lift’ sentences from the article and write them as your own; you must, at the very minimum, paraphrase)

2. Why was the study conducted (what was the goal or purpose)?
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3. How many subjects participated in the study and where were they from?

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4. What were the procedures or methods used (what did the authors do to the subjects)?

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5. What conclusions did the authors reach (what did they find)?

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6. What implications or applications can you see in this study for yourself or for society?

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7. Staple a copy of the journal article's first page to the back of your report.