

Critique of an Academic Article (75 Points)

Read your chosen article and answer the questions below in blue ink. It is important that you make your own copy of the questions and save it onto your drive. The questions will generate an analysis of the information in the article to prepare you for a future critique. Keep in mind that a critique is a specific style of essay which identifies the author's ideas and evaluates them based on current theory and research. In order to do a meaningful critique, you need to understand that you are RESPONDING to the literature rather than merely summarizing it. Also, do not freak out. You are only answering the questions on this page at the moment. The critique will be written later with my guidance.

Evaluation of Topic	Yes	No
Is the topic of the article clearly defined in the claim?		
Is there an implicit (suggested, but not actually expressed) argument to the paper?		
Is the text well organized and clearly written?		

Evaluation of Evidence

- Is the evidence convincing or perceptive?
- Is the evidence accurate and is it sufficient to back up the points being argued?
- Did you find any of the evidence surprising?
- Did you find any of the evidence misinterpreted?

Evaluation of the Argument

- What is the argument being made? (BRIEFLY summarize).
- Is there a counter argument? If so, what is it? Is the counter argument fully expressed?
- Are there aspects of the paper which raise a strong response?
- Does the argument surprise you or strike you as interesting? If so, why?
- What questions are still unanswered?

When you come back to class, you should be able fully discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the article that you chose to read. You should have a copy of the article and it should be annotated with the appropriate metacognitive markers (25 points).

This Assignment is due by Wednesday, Feb. 17

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