

This alternative assignment is just to be used for students who did not complete all of their Research Participation credits by participating in studies through the SONA system.

General Idea: You will need to read a psychology article from the link below, summarize it in 1-2 pages, and email it to the professor. You can receive up to 1 credit per summary, though you may receive partial credit for incomplete submissions.

Steps:

For each credit of research participation, complete all of the following steps:

- 1) Choose an article topic from the list on this website - <https://psychcentral.com/blog/top-10-important-or-intriguing-psychology-articles-of-2015/>.
- 2) Access the article by clicking on a hyperlink in the description of the topic.
- 3) Read the article fairly thoroughly (you can likely skip the results and much of the methods, but you need to get a good sense of what they actually did).
- 4) Write a summary that is a minimum of 1 page, but no more than 2 pages. Make sure to include your name and class at the top. You can write it as though you are telling your friend or parent about a study. Answer the following questions:
 - a. Who did the study (author names, where are they from)
 - b. Why did they do it (generally the main questions or hypotheses, largely from the intro – include some discussion of prior studies)
 - c. What did they do (brief summary of the methods – number/type of participants, main tools/methods used)
 - d. What did they find (generally in the results section, but you can usually find this information in a conclusions or discussion section also)
 - e. Why does it matter (this is the ‘take-home-message’ or answer to the part above on ‘why did they do it’, you can find this in the discussion section)
- 5) Email it to your instructor.

Special notes:

- 1) DO NOT PLAGIARIZE! You must write your summary in your own words. There is no need to copy and paste anything from the article or type directly into your summary while staring at the article. Just read it through and then write what you got from the article. You may not understand everything and that is fine, just do the best you can.
- 2) You can summarize more than one article for credit. Each summary is worth up to 1 credit so you can complete as many summarizes as you need to in order to complete the research requirement.
- 3) Reasons for getting partial credit – some of the required components are missing, the summary is too short (minimum of 1 page, double spaced, no paragraph spacing, max font size of 12, Calibri or Times New Roman font), multiple incorrect/inaccurate statements in the summary