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Literature Review Proposal

This literature review will focus on covering the topics of time perspective, emotional reactivity, and sensation-seeking. It will also cover related topics, such as motivation, risk-taking, and the neural basis for these subjects. The goal is to examine the relationships between these subjects and find surveys that could be used to study those relationships. By the end of the semester, the literature review should be complete and relevant surveys should be entered online.

One idea that will be examined in the literature review is whether people are more likely to be sensation-seekers or risk-takers depending on whether they are more future-, present-, or past-oriented. It is also of interest if these variables are related to how emotionally reactive a person is. Another idea that will be explored is whether high levels of motivation relate to a specific time perspective or to sensation-seeking. The relationship between risk-taking and sensation-seeking will also be looked at. Finally, the literature review will explore some of the neural bases for these relationships. The focus of this aspect will likely revolve around looking at limbic system functions, pre-frontal cortex functions, and hormones.

The entirety of the literature review will take place in the Spring 2016 semester. Five surveys have already been identified, including Zimbardo's Time Perspective Scale, the Affect Intensity Measure, the Emotional Reactivity Scale, the Boredom Proneness Scale, and Zuckerman's Sensation-Seeking Scale. By the end of the literature review, it is likely that two to four more scales will be added on the topics of motivation and risk-taking. Most of the sources for the literature review will be found using Roanoke College's library database and the Google Scholar database.

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