Psychology 280
Guidelines for Article Summaries

- The first article will be assigned to you. The second article should relate to your research project.
- Article must come from a refereed or peer-reviewed journal.
- The article should have an experimental or quasi-experimental design.
- The article must have all sections of an APA paper (abstract, introduction, method, results, discussion and references).
- Begin reviewing the article by citing the article as follows:
  - A study by Smith and Smoll (1999) examined youth sport coaches behaviors.
- Include the following in your introductory paragraph (similar to the APA Introduction)
  - Purpose(s) of the study
  - How the study relates to the body of literature cited in the article.
  - Cite a summary of research discussed according to APA format.
- Include the following in your second paragraph (similar to the APA Method)
  - Description of the participants
  - Description of the interventions or measurements used
  - Description of the independent and dependent variables
  - Description of how the study was conducted
- Include the following in your third paragraph (similar to the APA Results)
  - The important statistical findings
- Include the following in your fourth paragraph (similar to the APA Discussion)
  - What the findings of the study suggested
  - How the findings compared with previous studies
  - The author’s suggestions for future research
- At the end should be a reference page with the following information (similar to APA References)
  - The title of the article, name of journal, name of author(s), year published, journal volume and page numbers should appear at the top of the paper in APA reference format.
- The format of the paper should be as follows:
  - Word processed, double spaced
  - Include a manuscript page header
  - APA format (Fifth Edition)
  - One and a half to three pages in length
- Writing tips:
  - Use past tense
  - Write concisely, summarize when possible
  - Do not use quotations your article summary