

RESEARCH CRITIQUE EVALUATION SHEET

Each line item will receive either: one (1) pt. for completion or zero (0) pt. for incompleton

FORMAT

Spelling

___ There are no spelling errors within the abstract.

Grammar

- ___ Consistent verb tense (past) is used throughout the abstract.
- ___ Proper punctuation is used throughout the abstract.
- ___ Split infinitives are not used (GOOD: generally, should be; BAD: should generally be).
- ___ Sentences are not ended with prepositions (GOOD: the puppy is on that surface; BAD: what surface is the puppy on).
- ___ Homonyms are used correctly (GOOD: this paper is too short; BAD: this paper is to short).

Mechanics

- ___ Passive voice is used throughout the abstract.
- ___ Run-on sentences are not used.
- ___ Sentences are short and concise (approximately 12-15 words).
- ___ Paragraphs are two to seven sentences in length.
- ___ Word choice is appropriate and effective (GOOD: data was recorded for each subject; BAD: the researchers wrote down scores for each person).
- ___ Redundancies within sentences and the abstract are minimized.

Abstract Format

- ___ The abstract is exactly one page in length.
- ___ Margins are adjusted to 1" on all sides of abstract.
- ___ The abstract is correctly laid out (title, tagline, name, headers, content, and table).
- ___ All text is justified to the left margin.
- ___ All text is Times New Roman font.
- ___ The title is 18 pt., ALL CAPS, and one line in length.
- ___ Name, Email, and University are 10 pt. and separated by hyphens.
- ___ Topic headers are 12 pt., **bolded**, and ALL CAPS.
- ___ Body text is 12 pt.

Table Format

- ___ The table is computer-generated by the student.
- ___ The table is placed under the paragraph where it is cited.
- ___ The table is organized in appearance and not disorderly.
- ___ The table is centered on the page.
- ___ The table title is 10 pt., centered above table, **bolded**, and Title Caps.
- ___ The text is 10 pt. and centered within the table.
- ___ The table label and caption are 10 pt., placed directly below the table, justified with the left edge of the table, and does not extend past either edge.

References

- ___ In-text citations are correct according to APA guidelines.
- ___ The reference list is correct according to APA guidelines.

CONTENT

Purpose

- ___ No more than one sentence is used for introductory or background information.
- ___ The purpose of the reviewed paper is clearly and correctly identified.
- ___ The purpose statement is paraphrased or reworded, rather than quoted from the critiqued article.

Methods

- ___ The subject population is clearly defined (size, gender, and experience).
- ___ Important testing instruments and procedures are defined.
- ___ Analysis procedures are defined (variables and statistical tests).

Results/Discussion

- ___ Important findings and explanations related to the purpose and methods are identified.

Critique

- ___ The results and discussion are critically analyzed by the student.
- ___ Insights on limitations, strengths, and future research directions are provided by the student.

Table Content

- ___ Content is relevant to the point made by the student.
- ___ The table effectively conveys information.
- ___ The caption is a full sentence and adequately describes the table.

References

- ___ Full and accurate reference information is provided (APA).

SCORE

___ Format
+ ___ Content
= ___ **TOTAL**