

Reading Primary Research Literature

Choose a paper from primary literature (primary meaning first time published - examples: journal articles, conference papers) about the topic that you are interested in for your literature review (final project). Read the paper carefully. Provide the following information about your paper.

Note: Avoid surveys, review papers, trade journal papers, etc. for this assignment because they are considered secondary literature.

In Blackboard, submit a copy of the paper you are reviewing and answer the following questions about the paper.

1. List two important facts related to the topic that were described in the introduction.
2. What is/are the main research questions or objectives for this article? Do not simply restate the title.
3. Is there a hypothesis stated? If so, state the hypothesis. If not, why do you think no hypothesis is stated?
4. List a few of the methodologies used to conduct the research.
5. How are the results presented? Table, graphs, charts? Are they easy to understand? Be specific.
6. List one research result from the study.
7. What implications or suggestions, if any, are offered for future research?
8. What is different about this published work compared to previous work cited in the background section?