**Writing Assignment #3: Journal Article Critique**

**Directions:** Using Chapter 8 of Kolin (2017) and the Torraco (2005) article provided to you in Blackboard as a guide, you will be critiquing a data-driven, scholarly journal article. Being able to critically analyze research, documents and written communications is an integral part of successfully conducting business. To complete this assignment, you must select one data-driven scholarly journal article and write a 2-3 page critique. Your critique of the article should be longer than your summary.

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| Score | General Impression | Summary | Critique | Grammar and Writing |
| 90-100 | Excellent | * Introduces the review with a full reference citation in APA style of the journal article reviewed. * Highlights the purpose, methodology, significant findings and conclusions of the article. * Direct quotes are used sparingly; the article is successfully summarized in the student’s in own words. | * Includes critical thinking that clearly demonstrates the student’s informed opinion * Opinion is substantiated with examples from the article * Critiques each major section of the article | * Adheres to APA 6th edition format * Consistently uses third-person point-of-view * Little to no grammar, spelling or punctuation errors. * Spacing, margins and format are consistent throughout the document. |
| 80-89 | Proficient | * Introduces the review with a full reference citation in APA style of the journal article reviewed. * Provides a clear and concise summary of the article. * Highlights the purpose, methodology, significant findings and conclusions of the article. * Some direct quotes, presence of block quotes | * Includes critical thinking that demonstrates the students informed opinion * Most opinions are substantiated with examples from the article * Critiques each major section of the article | * Adheres to APA 6th edition format * Uses third-person point-of-view with few uses of “I” * Few grammar, spelling or punctuation errors. * Spacing, margins and format are consistent throughout the document. |
| 70-79 | Limited | * Reference is missing from the introduction to the article or is present but does not adhere to APA style * One of the following is missing from the summary: purpose, methodology, significant findings or conclusions. * Overuse of direct quotes and/or block quotes | * Provides a shallow critique of the article * Most opinions are unsubstantiated or weakly supported with examples form the article * One of the following sections is missing from the critique: purpose, methodology, significant findings or conclusions. | * Some divergence from APA 6th edition format * Overuse of “I” * Several grammar, spelling, or punctuation errors. * Inconsistent spacing, margins and format throughout the document. |
| 69 or below | Poor | * Reference is missing from the introduction * Provides an unclear or unintelligible summary or summary at all * Article is plagiarized | * Opinions are general and unsubstantiated by the article * Major sections are missing from the critique * Opinions are not clearly stated nor can they be inferred from the critique. * Lack of critical thinking | * Uses little to no correct APA formatting * Numerous grammar, spelling and punctuation errors detract from the content of the document * Paper strays substantially from the topic |