**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.
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| 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.
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| 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.
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| 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
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