

#### Critical Summaries of Research Articles:

Assigned multiple articles to read and have the students critically summarize the pertinent article for each topic throughout the semester. For each article, students will write a paper comprised of two parts:

- 1) A summary – in their own words - of the main points in the article, and
- 2) A critique of the article – Have the students address: What are your thoughts, opinions, questions about, or criticisms of the material?

A good rule of thumb is to use two or three paragraphs to summarize, with one final paragraph to critique/offer your opinions.

#### Suggested Grading – Points will be deducted for:

- Brevity: Your critical summary should be at least one page, assuming 1" margins, 12 point font, and double spacing. The paper is too short if it takes up one page, but numerous lines are used up by your name, the course name, the date, etc., if margins are wide, or the font is unreasonably large.
- Incoherence/Bad Grammar: If you have trouble summarizing short articles, please consult the Writing Center for help. Please use spellcheck and proof-read your work before turning it in.
- Lateness: Any of the article summaries can be turned in early. I will deduct one point per day for any papers submitted past the due date.

You may assign any of the suggested reading articles within each chapter or articles in the references cited portion of each chapter.