

Academic Journal Article Critique - Grading Rubric

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

Writing 20%

- Paper meets APA/Graduate School standards.
- Paper is organized; each paragraph flows logically into the next paragraph.
- Appropriate terminology is used; writing is clear and concise.
- Proper spelling and grammar is used; sentences are properly constructed.

Content 80%

- Appropriate article selection (scholarly and/or empirical); recent (last ten years).
- Brief overview of the article is provided; the thesis of the article is clearly stated.
- A description of the research problem is provided.
- Research methods used to study the problem are discussed and critiqued in detail.
- The authors' conclusions and recommendations are provided.
- Contributions to the literature are discussed in detail along with a brief discussion of conclusions/recommendations.
- The critique addresses the following questions:
What methods did the author use to investigate the topic? Were the appropriate methods used?
Did the author's approach to supporting the thesis make sense? Did the author employ the methods correctly?
Did you discover any errors in the way the research was conducted?

Grading Rubric	Points Possible	Points Earned
Writing/format/article selection	20	
Overview/thesis	10	
Discussion of research problem	10	
Discussion of research methodology	10	
Contribution to the literature/conclusions	10	
Critique of article	40	
Total	100	

Suggested Subtitles:

- Overview
- Description of the Research Problem
- Research Methodology
- Contributions to the Literature
- Critique of the Article