**SOCIOLOGY JOURNAL ASSIGNMENT**

**COLLEGE OF DUPAGE LIBRARY**

NOTE: You can work with other students on this, but please choose different journal articles to work on. You have to take the responsibility (or blame) for whatever you turn in, so make it good!

PURPOSE OF THIS ASSIGNMENT

1. Learn how to read research articles.
2. Learn something interesting about this topic.
3. Practice writing bibliographic citations.
4. Become familiar with the COD Library website and available resources.
5. Become familiar with the Library’s SOCIOLOGY research guide.
6. Learn how to find scholarly articles in the SOCINFO database.

LEARN ABOUT THE LIBRARY

1. Make sure that you can find the COD Library homepage: [www.cod.edu/library](http://www.cod.edu/library)
2. Make sure that you can find the CITING SOURCES link on Library homepage, and the APA citation style examples.
3. Make sure that you can find the RESEARCH button at the top of the Library homepage.
4. Make sure that you can find the SOCIOLOGY research guide on the list of library RESEARCH guides.
5. Make sure that you can find the ARTICLE DATABASES section of the research guide.

PREPERATION

1. You will be using APA citation style for your bibliographic citations. Please find the CITING SOURCES page on the Library website, and review the examples given there on how to correctly write a proper bibliographic citation for various types of materials. Follow the style here, not the citations that you might find in the databases.
2. Please go to the SOCIOLOGY research guide and find the section for ARTICLE DATABASES. At the bottom of that section, click on and read the two documents entitled, “Explanation of Scholarly Journals,” and “How to Read a Research Study Article”.
3. You can find a quick help guide for the SOCINFO database here: <http://support.ebsco.com/help/index.php?help_id=64>

ASSIGNMENT

Review the questions below.

Then think of a topic to research, and figure out keywords to use in the database search.

Then find a research article in the SOCCINFO database that you find interesting and read through it, and take notes so that you can answer the questions below. Please fill out the question sheet online, or start a whole new page to put your questions and answers, and adjust the spacing between questions so that you have enough room to write a good complete answer –incomplete answers equal a worse grade. You can add more pages to your question sheet to hold all your answers you are not restricted to just one page.

SOCINFO database searching steps

1. Put your first subject keyword in the first search box (e.g., depression).
2. Put your second subject keyword in the second search box (e.g., women).
3. Then scroll down below the search boxes, and click in the little boxes for “Linked Full Text,” and then “Peer-Reviewed”.
4. Then click on the SEARCH button.
5. Up will come a list of citations for you to review, the most recent should be at the top of the list.
6. When you see a title that looks interesting, click on the blue title. This will take you to the Citation/Abstract screen. Scroll down and read the article Abstract, which gives you an overview of the article’s purpose, research methodology, and conclusions.
7. If you decide that you want to read the entire article, scroll up and to the left, and click on the HTML or PDF link, to the left of the article title, to get the full text of the article.

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Please use A.P.A. citation style.

QUESTIONS

1. Please write a complete bibliographic citation to the online encyclopedia article on scholarly journals that you read earlier to prepare for this assignment.
2. Explain one thing that you found interesting in that encyclopedia article.
3. What is the topic that you were interested in?
4. What keyword(s) did you put in the first search box?
5. What keyword(s), if any, did you put in the second search box?
6. What keywords(s), if any, did you put in the third search box?
7. How many citations did you get?
8. Please write a complete bibliographic citation to the research journal article that you chose.
9. What is the contact information for the author or first author? (It should be found somewhere on the first page of the article, or sometimes at the end of the article.)
10. What is the purpose of this research? What is the article reporting on?
11. What ethnic/culture/demographic group was studied?
12. Why was this particular group selected for study?
13. Where is the culture group located, what broad and specific area?
14. What research study method was used for this project? (Knowing the research method can help you understand how the study was done, what information was used, and how it was analyzed.)
15. Was any particular social theory mentioned in the article? (Most articles do mention that the research or analysis was based on a particular theory, so this is important to know.)
16. Please explain one thing that you found in this research journal article that you found interesting.
17. Be sure to put your name on the material that you turn in. **No Name equals No Grade.**