

Feeder 1.2: Article Proposal Worksheet

Directions: Please complete the following worksheet using complete sentences (except for Question #1: a, b, and c). In your final draft, you can include the questions or simply provide clearly numbered/labeled answers to each question. There are seven questions total; don't overlook the second page of this document. As always, remember to refer to the specific instructions and grading rubric in the Unit 1 Assignment Prompt (Sakai>Resources>Unit 1).

Now that you have chosen and researched a specific topic, it's time to choose the specific journal article/study/experiment that will be the focus of your own popular health article. Ideally, your work on Feeder 1.1 exposed you to at least one scholarly, peer-reviewed article describing a recent (no older than 2016) study or experiment related to your chosen medical or health topic. The ideal article for your project will be a recent experimental study, although some observational studies might also work for the purposes of this assignment. That article should be the focus of your work moving forward, unless my feedback on Feeder 1.1 indicated otherwise, in which case you need to begin by finding a new article on which to focus.

Keep in mind also the insights or responses you included in F1.1 regarding the ongoing conversation around your topic. This proposal will lay the groundwork for the popular health article you eventually compose and submit for Unit Project 1.

1. Know and articulate the basic information about the main article you'll be discussing.
 - a. State the title of the peer-reviewed journal article, the year of its publication, the year(s) during which the actual study or experiment was conducted (you might have to speculate a bit here), the publication (the name of the journal, not the database) in which this article appears, and the names of all of the article's authors. Include also the affiliation of the authors and/or the study. (For example, are they researchers at X University or working for ABC Research Group, etc.?)
 - b. Provide a full, accurate CSE-style (8th edition, name-year format) bibliographic citation for this article.
 - c. In a phrase, what is the topic of this article?
 - d. Sum up the topic, hypothesis, and main point(s) or findings of this article in 2-5 sentences.
2. Summarize the methods of the experiment in a solid paragraph (at least five to seven sentences).
3. Were the people who conducted this study responding to prior research? (If so, cite those other studies here with appropriate in-text and bibliographic citations.) To earlier theories? To general trends in public concern/opinion? To specific current events? In a few sentences, explain what they were responding to with their research, addressing all of the above-mentioned possibilities. Another, more general, way to think about this question is: What's the context for their research? What prompted/motivated this study? What current gaps in knowledge or current needs motivated this study? (This is probably in the introduction or in the methods section of the article you're discussing. Consider also looking at the sources cited in the article you're discussing.)

4. In a paragraph, critique the study design (methods) overall. Did the authors admit limitations or flaws in their study? Are there ways the study could improve in the future? (This will involve looking at their methods section and discussion/conclusion section to see what the authors admitted; you might also need to add your own insights as well even if the authors didn't admit any or didn't admit the ones you noted. In your answer, clarify which flaws/limitations the authors/researchers state and which you noted independently.) Ultimately, is this study still valid and/or useful? Include a brief explanation in your response.
5. You will eventually compose a popular health article in which you report about this specific study. Why might your audience (the people who read your popular health article) find the information from this specific study interesting or entertaining? (Your answer should be at least three sentences.)
6. You will eventually compose a popular health article in which you report about this specific study. Why might your audience (the people who read your popular health article) find the information from this specific study important? What are the larger implications (larger take-aways) of this information? Why does this study matter? (Your answer should be at least three sentences.)
7. Think about the other sources you saw during your process of working on Feeder 1.1 so far. Is there any useful information you could integrate from those (or other) sources to make your potential popular health article more informative and/or interesting (i.e., other sources you could integrate into your popular health article)? Provide CSE-style bibliographic citations (CSE 8th edition, name-year format) for at least two other sources (preferably scholarly, peer-reviewed sources, but hybrid sources might work also) that might be helpful. For each citation, write 1-3 sentences explaining what those sources might offer to your overall discussion of this topic in your own popular health article. (Typically, these should provide useful background info or context for your own topic, but there are other ways to integrate these outside sources as well.) (Hint: Look at the sources cited in the main article you are discussing. Those sources might be a good place to start, but you should also do some other research on your own as well.)