

ALTERNATIVE ASSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS

For those students who are unable to participate in research studies due to age, lack of time, or missing an appointment (see no-show policy), you have the option of completing an Alternative Assignment that will count towards your research requirement hours for the semester.

Please note that students CAN COMBINE Alternative Assignment credits with research study credits to meet the specified semester credit requirements.

DUE DATE: You must email your alternative assignment to the Research Pool coordinator sjsuspc@gmail.com **no later than May 16th, 2022** in order to receive full credit.

INSTRUCTIONS:

The alternative assignment consists of reading one **scholarly journal article** and providing a ½ page *summary* of the article as well as a ½ page *reflection* of the article. The alternative assignment write up should never exceed more than 1 page.

SUMMARY:

In ½ pages, briefly state the purpose of the article and summarize the findings/results. You may also mention the method used for collecting data as well.

REFLECTION:

In ½ pages, provide a brief reflection of your thoughts regarding the article. You can cover such topics as: Were the results surprising to you? How do you think this study adds to the field of psychology? What was your overall opinion of the article? Did you like it? Dislike it?

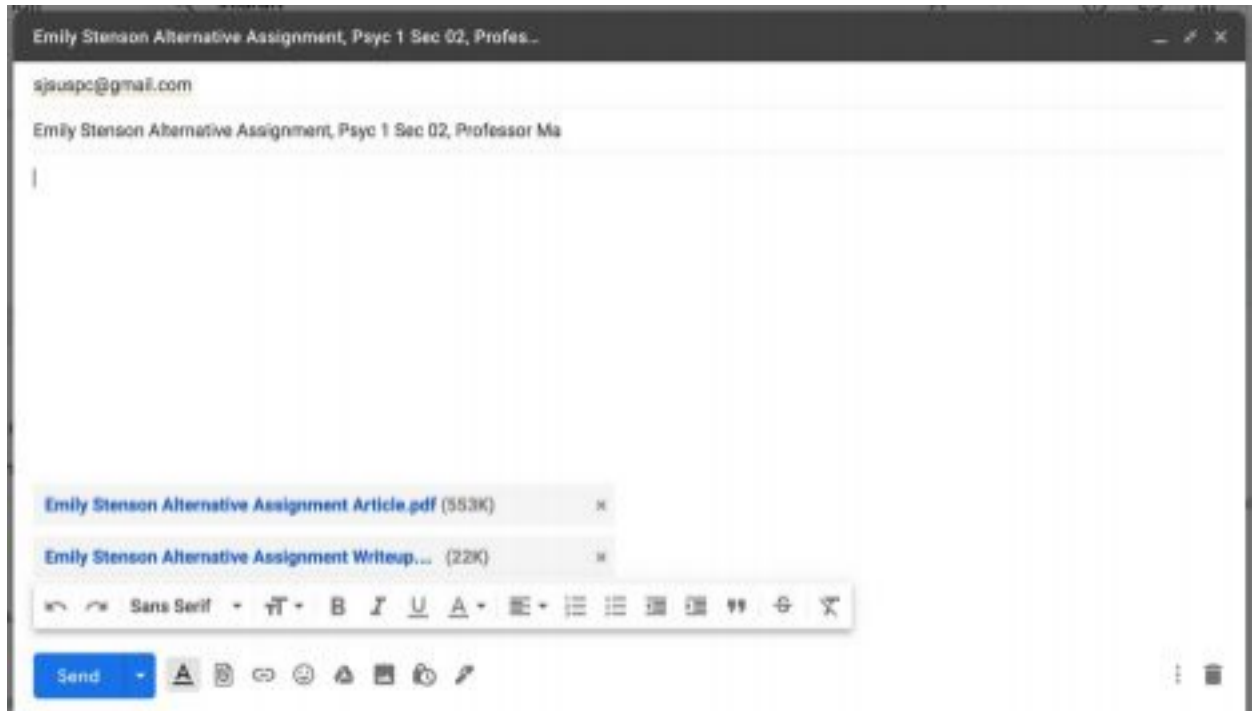
The credit (in hours) you receive will be dependent upon the *length* of the article(s) you read. The criteria are:

- 5 to 10 page article = 1 hour of credit**
- 11 to 15 page article = 2 hours of credit**
- 16-20 page article = 3 hours of credit**
- 21+ page article = 4 hours of credit**

Example: An article from pages 227-241 is counted as 2 hours of credit (15 pages)

ASSIGNMENT REQUIREMENTS:

1) You must email your Research Pool coordinator sjsuspc@gmail.com an attachment of your write up and an attachment of your article no later than **May 16th** in order to receive full credit. Your write up can be submitted as a **word document or PDF**. However, the copy of your article **must be in PDF format** (this is the standard format for most articles downloaded online). **In the email, please include your full name, then list alternative assignment, Psyc 1, course section, and instructor in the subject line.**



2) Please title your attachments according to which documents they are. For attached write ups: Your full name, Alternative Assignment, Write up. For attached articles: Your full name, Alternative Assignment, Article.

3) Article must be from **SCIENTIFIC, PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL**. The article MUST SHOW the publication it came from and the page numbers. You may not type the name and page numbers in yourself. You may choose any topic to write about as long as it is psychology related. (NOTE: Newspapers, magazines, books, book reviews, dissertations or websites articles are **inappropriate** for this assignment. For example, *San Jose Mercury News*, *Psychology Today*, *Newsweek*, and *Depression.com* are all unacceptable sources.)

SOME HELPFUL TIPS:

The following are **good examples** of good scientific journals:

- American Psychologist
- Child Development
- Journal of Personality and Social Psychology

Psychology Databases can be accessed at the following link:

<http://library.calstate.edu/sanjose/databases/subject/psychology>

Need help finding scholarly or peer reviewed articles? View this online tutorial from the King Library:

<http://library.sjsu.edu/video/finding-scholarly-peer-reviewed-articles>

ALTERNATIVE ASSIGNMENT FORMAT:

Please adhere to the following formatting instructions for your Alternative Assignment write up. Also, don't forget to attach your article along with the write up in the email! Failure to follow these instructions may result in partial credit.

(Top right side of the page)

Name

SJSU ID#

Professor's name

Section #/ Day / Time of class

Title of the Article

Summary

In ½ pages, briefly state the purpose of the article and summarize the findings/results. You may also mention the method used for collecting data as well. Paragraph may be double-spaced. Make sure you have set your margins at one inch! Paragraphs must be a minimum of at least 5 sentences. ***Reflection***

In ½ pages, provide a brief reflection of your thoughts regarding the article. You can cover such topics as: Were the results surprising to you? How do you think this study adds to the field of psychology?

What was your overall opinion of the article? Did you like it? Dislike it? Paragraph may be double-spaced. Make sure you have set your margins at one inch! Paragraphs must be a minimum of at least 5 sentences.