

**Research Methods**  
Homework Assignment Two  
Literature Review - Part B

This is a continuation of HW1. Please refer back to that assignment before completing this part.

**Part B: Finding Specific Academic Journal Articles in the Library – Do after class session in library.**

- **Topic:** Think of a topic related to the college student experience. You should focus in a particular issue of interest to you. Some ideas include study habits, social life, student activism, financial issues, student retention, crime on campus, non-traditional/commuter or international student issues, etc.
- **Search:** Using the library web site do a search of the *Sociological Abstracts* database and find **five** social science journal articles about your topic that are no more than ten years old. Try not to include completely theoretical pieces or literature reviews (sometimes it's hard to tell). Try to find articles that report on a *study* (this means that the authors collected new data or did an analysis of available data).
- **Report:** Find **one** of these articles **in print form** in the library. Make sure this one reports on a study. If it doesn't, find another one. If it does, read it. Also, make a copy of the first page. **Type** a **brief** summary of the article (no more than one page long). Be sure to include:
  - Hypotheses or research questions
  - Methodology
  - Major findings and conclusionsThis must be primarily in your own words. Do not take direct quotes from the article unless you properly cite them (i.e. put them in quotation marks and provide the page number).
- **Bibliography:** List the complete citations for all of the five articles you identified in the search step. Make sure your citations are **alphabetized** (but not numbered) and in proper ASA citation format. **Do not** cut and paste from the database. They are not in proper citation format. There is no need to include electronic citation info (i.e. "Retrieved on (date), web address, etc.).

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<http://www.buffalostate.edu/library/docs/asa.pdf>

- Attach a copy of the **first page** of the article to your report.