**Team Research Projects: Instructions**

The class will be divided into six research teams. Each team will carry out a mini-study which replicates some aspect of Rebekah Nathan’s study which we will be reading about in her book ***My Freshman Year***. Each team will conduct a mini study using one of six different research methodologies. Each team will present a proposal for their study when that method is covered in class and then will report results in the last week of class.

**Proposals** – Teams will prepare a single proposal which they will hand in as well as present in class (<10 mins). The components should include:

1. Title
2. Research question(s)
3. Literature review in brief annotated bibliography form – Each member of the team will contribute two research articles (reporting on a study) related to their research question. The lit review section will have a paragraph on each article which states the:
   1. author(s) and year (note – lit reviews **do not** generally state the title of the article or the journal)
   2. study’s methodology and sampling technique
   3. the major findings (2-3 sentences)
4. Research method
   1. Sampling technique title AND detailed description
   2. Detailed data collection plan (incl. instrument where applicable)
5. Discussion of potential ethical issues and how they will be addressed
6. References – Complete bibliography in ASA Style (see Moodle)

**Final Reports** – The final report will follow the same process as the proposal and will contain the following components:

1. All of the above, but…
   1. Rather than an annotated bibliography the lit review will be a smooth narrative of the relevant literature (see your articles as models)
   2. The methods and ethics sections will be past tense and elaborate on any issues/challenges, etc.
2. Abstract
3. Findings
4. Conclusion
5. Appendices (instruments)