



The Empirical Study Assignment Sheet

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Assignment:

The fourth essay will report your findings from your own primary research. You should have identified an empirical research question you could pursue in your Essay 3. If you're struggling to identify a clear question, Ch. 12 can help you!

For the fourth essay, you will:

1. Edit down your Essay 3 to serve as the introduction section/literature review of your research report
2. Add the necessary information to create a research report of approximately 1250-1500 words.
3. You will need to cite at least SIX sources total, including at least THREE scholarly sources and at least ONE primary source.

Sources

For this essay, most of your sources will be re-used from Essay 3. Your new source(s) will most likely be your primary source(s).

Final drafts will be graded according to the following rubric:

*Essays that bear no resemblance to the assigned genre will receive a zero.

****Essays with severe errors in grammar** – such as frequent run-on sentences, sentence fragments, or subject-verb agreement errors – will receive a zero with the option for the writer to make corrections and resubmit for partial credit; details and a deadline for re-submission will be posted in the feedback on the essay.

*****Essays with errors in documentation** that result in violations of the Academic Honesty Policy will be dealt with according to that policy as described in the syllabus.



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Criterion	points
The essay includes all of the required elements of a scientific research report*.	/50
The essay appropriately and effectively integrates quotations, summaries, and/or paraphrases of at least 6 relevant and credible sources, including at least 3 scholarly sources and at least 1 primary source.	/40
The essay is organized effectively.	/40
The essay is written in appropriately academic style.	/40
The author shows attention to detail, avoiding careless mistakes in grammar** or documentation***.	/40
You may earn bonus points for the following: -Creative and original topic selection -Excellent uses of rhetorical devices -A particularly strong title -Any other thing that's not required but is impressive (Total points for essay not to exceed 210)	/0
Total	/210