WRITING A JOURNAL REVIEW

Record the documentation information for the journal article.

Read the article.

Re-read the article and take notes:
- What are the main points of the article?
- What noteworthy names are mentioned in the article?
- What is the purpose of the study or article?
- Who is the intended audience?
- How does the author accomplish the purpose?

Record the information gleaned from the article into a summary. Use your own words primarily. There is no need to quote the article unless the author uses a particular phrase or sentence that cannot be effectively paraphrased.

Be objective in your summary: do not use first or second person.

Consider any other aspects of the assignment that your instructor may require:

- **Analyze**
  Divide something into parts and discuss the parts in relationship to the whole

- **Argue**
  Take a position or stand and support it with reasoned arguments and evidence

- **Classify**
  Divide some larger whole into groups on the basis of shared traits

- **Compare**
  Show the similarities between two objects or subjects; do not just describe each

- **Contrast**
  Show the differences between two objects or subjects; do not just describe each

- **Discuss**
  Consider as many important elements related to an issue as you can

- **Evaluate**
  Give your opinion about something’s value and provide the reasons on which your judgment is based

- **Explain**
  Tell about something that is complex in a way that makes it clear

- **Illustrate**
  Provide examples and detail about something

- **Implications for Use**
  Explain how the material you’ve researched can be practically applied to a particular setting (e.g., the classroom)