

## 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:

<b>Analyze</b>	Divide something into parts and discuss the parts in relationship to the whole
<b>Argue</b>	Take a position or stand and support it with reasoned arguments and evidence
<b>Classify</b>	Divide some larger whole into groups on the basis of shared traits
<b>Compare</b>	Show the similarities between two objects or subjects; do not just describe each
<b>Contrast</b>	Show the differences between two objects or subjects; do not just describe each
<b>Discuss</b>	Consider as many important elements related to an issue as you can
<b>Evaluate</b>	Give your opinion about something's value and provide the reasons on which your judgment is based
<b>Explain</b>	Tell about something that is complex in a way that makes it clear
<b>Illustrate</b>	Provide examples and detail about something
<b>Implications for Use</b>	Explain how the material you've researched can be practically applied to a particular setting (e.g., the classroom)