

Soc 134-Summer Session Article Responses and Final Paper

Your final project has two components. All written assignments should be double-spaced, in Times New Roman size 12 font, with one-inch margins on all sides.

(1) Article Responses

Your project packet will contain three original research articles. For each article, write an Article Responses that includes the following:

- 1) The ASA-style Bibliographic citation for the article
- 2) What research question did the author(s) ask?
- 3) What kind of data did the author(s) collect?
- 4) What were the most important findings from the article?
- 5) What questions was the article unable to address, because of the method used?
- 6) What remaining questions do YOU have about the topic in the article?

Each Article Response should be no more than 300 words. Cover all of the above questions in the response, but format your response in paragraphs rather than with bullet points or numbers.

(2) Final Paper

Write a short paper that considers following questions:

- What contemporary issue do all of your articles speak to? Include examples of statistics or trends from some of the articles as appropriate.
- How does each article offer explain for the issue at hand? Do these explanations complement each other? Do they contradict each other?
- What are the advantages of survey research for helping understand your social issue?
- What are the advantages of interview or ethnographic research for helping understand your social issue?
- What are the advantages of experimental research for helping understand your social issue?
- Describe one remaining question you have about the issue, and propose a research method that would allow you to answer it.

Your final paper should be between 800 and 1,000 words.

Final Project options

Race and Dating

The dating market is highly racialized, with most people choosing same-race partners, and clear patterns in who is likely to date interracial. These articles investigate how dating experiences and dating markets are structured by race.

Race and Hiring

Though hiring discrimination is illegal, sociologists still observe racial discrimination in the labor market. How does race impact who employers choose to hire? How does race impact the way that people navigate the job search process? These articles investigate the ways that race remains significant in the labor market.

Nativism and Assimilation

Since 1965, immigration from a multitude of Asian, African, and Latin American countries has surged. How do native-born whites' ideas about race shape how they relate to these new immigrants? How do immigrants themselves integrate into the United States' racial order? These articles investigate nativist sentiments, assimilation processes, and immigrants' experiences of race.

Multiracial Identities

“Multiracial” and “biracial” identities are increasingly common in the United States. But multiracial identity, like racial identity in general, is complex and shaped by social situations. These articles investigate the topic of multiracial identity, including how people construct race when dealing ambiguous physical appearance and when navigating different social contexts.

Article Response Grading Rubric
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CRITERIA	NOTES	POINTS
Bibliographic material correct, complete, and in ASA style		(10 points)
Research questions identified correctly.		(10 points)
Data and Methods summarized correctly		(20 points)
Clear and insightful explanation of the article's important findings		(25 points)
Clear and insightful explanation of the article's limitations		(25 points)
Writing style clear and concise. No spelling or proofreading errors		(10 points)
Total (out of 100)		/ 100
General Comments:		

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CRITERIA	NOTES	POINTS
<p>STRUCTURE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening paragraph clearly introduces paper topic and includes thesis statement • Thesis statement is clear and concisely previews the paper's body • Each body paragraph is focused around one specific idea • Paragraphs use topic sentences to keep the paper organized • Conclusion summarizes main ideas of paper in an original way and provides some future questions 		(30 points)
<p>ANALYSIS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates an in-depth understanding of articles in Project Packet and different research methods • Assertions are fully explained and well supported with examples and details from the text(s) • Strong logic and reasoning; no gaps between argument and supporting evidence 		(50 points)
<p>STYLE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paragraphs flow well together; uses transition language • Writing is academic, clear, and concise • Largely free of grammar, spelling, or mechanical errors—strong proofreading • Follows assignment format (page numbers, double-spaced, 12 pt font, etc.) • Proper citations and bibliography in ASA Style 		(20 points)
TOTAL (out of 100)		/ 100
General Comments:		