

6. TAKING NOTES FROM A JOURNAL ARTICLE

This worksheet helps you record the most important information from a journal article.

- Usually, it is best to fill out the worksheet in this order:

Bibliographic Information, Abstract, Introduction, Discussion, Methods and Results.

- Whenever possible, try to summarize information, and only copy down important words.

Bibliographic Information

Title of Article: _____

Author(s): _____

Journal Title: _____

Journal Volume/Issue and Date: _____

Abstract

Objective: This study was conducted in order to: _____

Methods: The data for this study was collected and analyzed in this way:

Results: This study found that: _____

Discussion: What is important about the study and the results? _____

Introduction

Why is the study needed? What new information does it provide?

What are the findings of previous studies?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

What is the goal of this study? _____

Discussion

What do the results mean? _____

Do the results answer the question(s) that the research intended to answer? _____

What recommendations are made for further research in this area?

Methods and Results

Detailed methods: How was the study conducted?

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Detailed results: What are the findings?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____