GRADING RUBRICS

Name   **Instructor Evaluation: 1ˢᵗ Draft (full) Report**

E=Excellent; V=Good; G=Good; S=Satisfactory; N=Needs improvement; U=Unsatisfactory
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Your Score:

Introduction – 25 pts.	
__ __ Opening statement sets the direction of the paper, and draws the reader in. _____ Main topic is implied or stated so the reader understands the primary research question(s) _____ The introduction answered the "so what?" question (i.e., why should the reader care). __ __ Clear description of theory and related research __ __ Good literature review was included to give a good background of the research __ __ Rationale for research question clearly follows from theory & related research _____ References are used appropriately to support arguments	
__ __ Good logical development of ideas leading toward the hypothesis __ __ Clearly articulated problem (e.g., a "hole" in the literature, or a need for clarification, replication, application, etc.) __ __ Clear Hypothesis statement (but see comments below) __ __ Writing style is clear, well-organized, easy to follow	
The best part of your introduction was…. **The one (or more) thing(s) that is most in need of some modification would be…**	
Methods - 20 pts.	
__ ___ General format is appropriate (APA-style) _____ Includes appropriate subheadings, well-organized __ __ Methodology clearly tests research question/hypothesis	
_____ Reader can have a good idea of who the subjects are ____ Descriptions of materials and procedures are clear, comprehensive ____ The materials for the study are self-explanatory, include all necessary material, and appear to be clear to the participants.	
_____ Organized thoughts in presenting the procedures _____ 'Important' conditions, methods are described (i.e., the reader could replicate if desired) _____ Research design is clear (either from the intro &/or methods)	
The best part of your method section was…. **The one (or more) thing(s) that is most in need of some modification would be…**	
Results - 25 pts.	
_____ Data management issues are addressed (summarized, organized,	

analyzed, etc.) _____ The analysis is clear from the hypotheses, or is specifically re-connected. _____ Descriptive statistics are properly reported &/or figures/tables appropriately referenced. _____ Figures and Tables are used appropriately - when needed.	
__ ___ Analyses appropriately tests the hypothesis _____ Correct notation, description of statistical procedures (descriptive and inferential) _____ There is a clear statistical answer provided for the main questions _____ The main conclusions are clear	
Comments:	

Discussion – 20 pts.	
_____ Results are clearly and conceptually summarized and related to hypothesis _____ Both expected and unexpected results are explained	

_____ Conclusions and generalizations are appropriately supported by data
    study results are clearly connected to rest of literature on topic (theory and research)
_____ Explains problems, gives plausible explanations of results as well as alternative
    explanations or theories about why these results were obtained
_____ Limitations of study and future research directions are considered	

Comments:	

Other APA Style considerations – 10 pts. _____ Cover sheet _____ Abstract – *MUST have an abstract in the next draft* _____ Title/First page _____ Referencing in the text _____ Proper emphasis on using evidence to support statements; _____ Reference section at the end is done properly (notation, etc.) _____ General quality of reference material	
Other (optional) Comments about the paper or study in general: **TOTAL: (out of 100)**	

***Note to all. This draft counts 100 points, and the final draft counts 100 points. However, to arrive at the total of 200 points for the entire paper, the final score will be weighted double by doubling the second score, adding it to the first draft score; this total will be divided by 3 (yielding an average percent) and then multiplied by 200 (to give the points out of 200). Example: 1st draft: 85; final draft 95: 85 + 95 + 95 = 275/3 = 91.7% X 200 = 183 points. Also, if you have a 95% or higher on the first one, you have the option of making this your final draft (although you may want to revise it if you want to have a good writing sample); I do set slightly higher expectations on the final draft so if you have a 93% and do not make the suggested improvements, it's possible to go down.