This assignment directs students to use a particular information source, and provides a rationale for the source selection. It also refers students to the library for additional help.

This assignment indicates to the student how to read the assigned article, explaining which portions of it to focus on for inclusion in the summary.

This assignment also directs students to accurate, comprehensible resources for the required citation style, and indicates how to present the final content.

INTRODUCTORY PSYCHOLOGY

Article Summary Assignment

Due: October 25th, 2013.

INSTRUCTIONS:

First, use PsychInfo, an academic index that provides access to thousands of psychological research publications, to obtain the following research article: “Ovulatory cycle effects on tip earnings by lap dancers” by Miller, Tybur, and Jordan (2007). PsychInfo is available through the UBC library and accessible through the web (consult a reference librarian for assistance in using library indices if necessary). Next write a summary of the article demonstrating your understanding of the content. In preparing your summary, you are encouraged to consult with other students to discuss the article, but each student must submit his or her own original work.

GUIDELINES:

Your grade will be determined based on your choices of what to include and what to omit in your summary, as well as your ability to communicate your thoughts. A good article summary will include the following information: theoretical background that inspired the research; the predictions made by the researchers; explanations of the dependent and independent variables; whether the research is experimental or correlational; the major finding(s) (Consult Fig 2); and any “limitations” of the study.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Your summary will be formatted using APA style. Use the following resources to help you learn APA style:

- UBC library guide to citing and references:
  http://wiki.ubc.ca/images/6/6f/Apastylered.pdf
- Purdue Online Writing Lab (OWL):
  https://owlenglish.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/
- APA style screencast from Capilanou U:

The text portion of the summary MUST NOT exceed three double-spaced pages of content. No abstract is necessary for this assignment, but you should use proper headings when organizing content (methods, results, discussion).
Finally, this assignment emphasizes to students that paraphrasing, rather than quoting, is required, in order to reinforce the assignment’s intended purpose – to demonstrate comprehension.

DO NOT quote from the article; the purpose of this exercise is to demonstrate your comprehension of the article.