

**Lab #4 (External Assignment): Do EITHER (1) or (2)**

2 points

**(1) Colloquium or Community-Based Talk**

Go to a psychologically-relevant colloquia given at San Jose State University (or within the community [with my prior approval]). Use the Attached form to evaluate the colloquium you attend. Present your colloquium evaluation form to me within two weeks of attending the colloquium.

**(2) Current Events relevant to Psychology**

For an EMERGING (i.e., newly reported) news item, find a newspaper article (or transcript of a news broadcast [e.g., from NPR], or other web-based news source) relevant to psychology. Find a peer-reviewed scientific journal article on the same topic. Write a short (1-2 page) description of what the relevant issue is in the newspaper and the (related) journal article. Include both the news item and the journal article (or at least the relevant pages of the article) with your report. Submit your write-up within two weeks of the original news item publication date. For web news sources include the link.

**THIS WRITE-UP IS DUE BY APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup> at noon (2014).**

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Author  
Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Domain	Score (1-5)	example of a “1”	example of a “3”	example of a “5”
Title		title poorly describes project	title somewhat describes project, or is overly long.	title clearly describes project
Physical Organization		Unorganized or poorly organized	format is adequate	format is good Demonstrates a high level of appropriate organization.
Rationale / purpose		ill-defined	some minimal rationale	Clearly defined rationale
Background		under-specified	Some minimal background	clear background provided
Variables		Unclear definition	variables defined	variables all properly differentiated and defined
Theoretical Organization		Haphazard	some organization of the ideas is evident	ideas clearly organized. Organization appropriate for topic.
Presentation of Methodology		none or minimal transmission of design / procedures	excessive or overly sparse methodological information	clear and concise presentation of methodology
Experimental design (I)		Evidence of potential failure to understand experimental procedures	“cookbook” approach: Experimental procedures applied without recognition of the underlying logic	Clear understanding of procedures and underlying rationale
Empirical Results		ill-defined	adequate	Clear
Analysis		Inappropriate or ill-defined	appropriate techniques used but presentation missing information	technique and procedure clearly appropriate
Conclusions		unrelated to data presented	data and conclusions consistent	data support conclusions clearly and persuasively
Project difficulty		low (addressed non-issue)	medium (“average”)	elegant design; hard question

Citation (APA Style):

Hypothesis:

Independent (or predictor) Variable (one of them...):

Dependent Measure (one of them...):