

Peer Review Questions for Initial Literature Review

Answer all the following questions for each paper. Don't worry right now about “surface errors” (spelling, punctuation, etc.); let the author do her/his own proofreading. Your job here is to give spot more substantial.

Individual Article Reviews

1. Considering you have not read the articles, how easy was it to understand what the authors did?
2. What are some examples of where your fellow student was very clear in describing aspects of the articles? (Please be specific)
3. What are some examples of where you did not understand what the authors did? Please explain why you feel this way and what additional information/rewording you think would help clarify the points?
4. What are some examples of times when your fellow student makes a very insightful and/or important observation about the articles? This could pertain to (1) a limitation of ways that the article can be used to guide further decisions or generalizations to other circumstance, (2) an error in the authors' reasoning and/or methods, or (3) an important implication for the interventions or assessments.

Summary Paragraph(s)

5. How well were the various ideas and conclusions from the individual articles brought together to make over-arching conclusions?
6. How well did he/she support the conclusions and connections he/she made?

Overall

7. Is your fellow student better at presenting ideas/information succinctly or clearly?
8. What is the single best aspect of your fellow student's writing?
9. What one thing should your fellow student focus on first to improve her/his writing?