

If you have opted to complete the alternative assignment to research credit, you will be required to write an article summary. The paper must be submitted by **4 p.m. on Monday, April 16th, 2012** (the same day the Human Participant Pool closes) so please keep this deadline in mind. Students enrolled in PSYC 201 and/or 202 must complete the mandatory alternative assignment or research credit as failure to satisfy this requirement will result in a 10% deduction of your final grade. If you are enrolled in both courses, you must satisfy the requirement for each course. Please follow the instructions below:

STEP 1: Create a User Account on the SONA Website

Visit the SONA website (<http://cnu.sona-systems.com>) and select the link that is provided on the left side of the webpage below 'New Participant'. Use your email address information when prompted for a User ID (e.g., joe.student.09) and select the courses that you are enrolled in that you would like your assignment to count towards.

STEP 2: Select an Article

As a student of Psychology, it is important that you gain an understanding of the research process and its components. As such you will need to select **ONE** article from this list of pre-approved studies:

Hills, T., & Pachur, T. (2012). Dynamic search and working memory in social recall. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition*, 38, 218-228. doi: 10.1037/a0025161

Berenson, K. R., Downey, G. Rafaeli, E., Coifman, K.G., & Paquin, N.L. (2011). The rejection–rage contingency in borderline personality disorder. *Journal of Abnormal Psychology*, 120, 681-690.

Brase, G. L., & Brase, S. L. (2011, August 15). Emotional regulation of fertility decision making: What is the nature and structure of “Baby Fever”? *Emotion*. Advance online publication. doi: 10.1037/a0024954

Judge, T., & Cable, D. (2011). When it comes to pay, do the thin win? The effect of weight on pay for men and women. *Journal of Applied Psychology*, 96, 95-112 DOI: 10.1037/a0020860

STEP 3: Locate and Summarize the Article

You will need to locate the article that you have selected via the Tribble Library system. Once you have obtained a copy of the article, you will be required to write a 2-page summary of its contents by answering the following questions:

- (1) Identify and define the primary issue under investigation.
- (2) Identify and discuss the research methods employed to examine the psychological concepts under investigation.
- (3) Report the researcher's findings in your own words.
- (4) Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the study.
- (5) Report your evaluation of the study and its scientific and real-world implications.

STEP 4: Submit Student Information Form and Article Summary

A mandatory Student Information Form should precede your article summary as the 1st page and must include all the information that is requested. **Submit your completed paper along with the filled in information sheet in the designated box labeled HPPC/SONA located in the Psychology Department Office (to left of main door) by 4 p.m. on Monday, April 16th, 2012.** Failure to provide this information and/or to submit your completed paper by 4pm will result in your not being awarded credit. The paper will be graded by members of the HPP Committee with participation being noted in the SONA scheduling and management system. It is your responsibility to check your SONA account to confirm that you have been awarded credit one week after the participant pool closes. Please contact us if you have any questions (hppc@cnu.edu).



**Alternative Assignment
STUDENT INFORMATION FORM**

Instructions:

Please read the article of your choice from the list provided in the Alternative Assignment instructions sheet on the Psychology Department website. Answer the corresponding questions within your article summary. **Provide the requested information below and submit this form, with your article summary, to the Human Participant Pool Committee (HPPC) mailbox in Forbes 2022 by 4 p.m. on Monday, April 16th, 2012.**

An article summary is worth up to 60 minutes of research credit.

Student Name: _____
CNU Email Address: _____
Name of Course: _____
Course Number and Section: _____
Instructor's Name: _____
Title of Article: _____
Date of Submission: _____

Your responses will be reviewed for content. If your response does not satisfactorily address the questions outlined within the instructions sheet or is not your own, you will not be awarded credit. Please consider making a copy for your records. Credits will typically be listed in Sona Systems within 1 week of submission of this assignment.