

Article Summary & Critique · Grading Rubric

In your Article Summary and Critique (ASAC), you summarise and critically evaluate one recent research article from an approved venue. 800–1200 words (no longer than 1500); subheadings encouraged. Per the course AI policy, AI tools may be used, but you remain fully responsible for everything you submit, and must be able to explain it in the presentation, which is graded separately. **Total: 100 points** (15% of the final grade).

Criteria	Points
1. Introduction & literature review The ASAC describes the topic and the motivation for the study, the relevant previous literature (minimum two references), the research question(s) and hypotheses, and why the study matters. Examples are included where relevant.	____ / 20
2. Methods The ASAC describes the experimental task(s) and their logic, the participants, the materials, and the procedure (recruiting, instructions, setting, duration). Enough detail that a reader could picture the study.	____ / 20
3. Results, discussion & conclusion The ASAC reports the results and relates them back to the research question(s), gives the authors' interpretation and conclusion, and states the impact and relevance of the study for the field.	____ / 20
4. Critique: strengths and weaknesses The ASAC offers at least one positive implication of the study and at least one potential flaw or drawback, argued from the evidence.	____ / 10
5. Critique: implications and a follow-up The ASAC describes the theoretical contribution of the research and proposes one follow-up study or open question that could reasonably follow from it.	____ / 10
6. Structure, style & references The ASAC is clearly organised (informative section headers encouraged), written in clear proofread prose, and includes in-text references and a bibliography in a consistent style (e.g. APA).	____ / 10
7. Article choice & scope The article comes from an approved venue, is from 2025 or later, is roughly 10–20 pages, and was approved by the instructor (via the article pitch). The ASAC stays within the word limit.	____ / 5
8. AI use disclosure A short statement naming any AI tool(s) and vendor(s) used and describing briefly how they were used, or stating that no AI tools were used.	____ / 5
Total	____ / 100

Scoring guide. 20-point elements: 20 = clearly present · 17 = attempted, but rough or incomplete · 10 = largely missing · 0 = absent. 10-point elements: 10 · 9 · 5 · 0. 5-point elements: 5 · 4 · 2 · 0.

AI disclosure: what to include. A short line naming the tool and vendor and describing how you used it. *Examples:* “Claude (Anthropic), used to check my summary of the methods section against the original article.” Or: “No AI tools were used.”