Instructions for Literature Review

Students are expected to identify a topic of interest that is related to a general area of Educational Psychology. This topic must be approved by the course instructor. Students are to complete a 10 page paper that presents research related to the approved topic of interest. **30 points, due March 15**

Each student must post on Blackboard an abstract of his or her final paper and the reference list for that paper. **Email paper to the instructor and submit it on Turnitin.** Hard copy and email attachment copy required on due date. A grade penalty of 8 points will be given to any student who has not posted the abstract and reference list by that date. These postings are for the information of all members of the class.

Final Literature Review Paper Requirements
1. APA Format (see recommended website)
2. 10 pages
3. Cite all direct quotes and ideas
4. At least 12 citations, properly referenced besides those used from the book
5. Include a cover page with title, author, course title, academic quarter
6. Include an abstract:
   a. the topic, in one sentence
   b. the purpose, thesis, or organizing construct and the scope of the paper
   c. sources used (personal observation, research, published literature, specific data base) in the paper
   d. conclusions
   e. Abstract not to exceed 120 words
7. The body of the paper opens with an introduction that describes the specific problem being reviewed and the search procedures followed for identifying the articles included in the review.
8. The paper will contain at least 3 subtopics each identified with its own heading (following APA style). The discussion under each subtopic will contain a synthesis of the appropriate articles related to that topic. An article may be cited in more than one subtopic.
9. The body of the paper should be restricted to the information contained in the articles used for the review. Where appropriate, the author may critically analyze a study on the basis of valid research practices
10. Make use of headings (APA style) throughout the paper. Be sure to identify the subtopics by using headings.
11. Some suggested headings might include:
   - Search procedures
   - Subtopics (each given a name and its own heading)
   - Conclusion
   - Discussion
12. A conclusion will follow the synthesis of all subtopics. This section will contain a summary of the major findings of the review.

13. The paper should conclude with a discussion section in which the author may present his/her personal opinions and/or experiences with the topic under review. This discussion will specify whether or not the conclusion is consistent with the author's personal experience.

14. The paper will be graded based upon a.) depth of content and b.) consistency of format using the above stated requirements.

15. All information gathered from your sources must be cited.

16. Include sufficient information to inform the reader that your source is primary research.

17. Do not include the titles of articles, periodicals, or books in the body of your paper. Your reference section will give that information.

18. Papers must be original. Any violation of Academic Honesty including misuse of copyright will result in a grade of F.