

Journal Readings Paper (90 Points)
PSYC4165: The Psychology of Perception, Spring 2020

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For each week of class there is one (in some cases two) original research articles(s) associated with the topic for that week. These papers are listed on page 8 of the syllabus and are available through the course web site. For this assignment choose two of these articles and write a paper, no longer than six pages, with the following content:

1. Summary of paper 1;
2. Summary of paper 2;
3. Relevance of each paper for an aspect of the course that is of interest to you and how the papers are related to each other.

The summaries of each paper should have five components:

1. What question did the authors try to answer?
2. What methods did they use, including the dependent variable(s) that they measured and the independent variable(s) that they manipulated?
3. What results did they find?
4. What conclusion did they draw?
5. Do you think their conclusions are valid based on their methods and results?

The Relevance section (the third part) of your paper can be quite flexible but generally should start with a description of a specific perceptual phenomenon that you find interesting. Then you should explain how the two papers are relevant to this phenomenon and how they might lead to an understanding of it. You might also suggest an additional experiment, inspired by the two papers, to further explain the phenomenon.

The paper should not be a series of bullet points but should be a smoothly flowing narrative that expresses your thoughts and ideas in a clear and logical way. The paper is an opportunity for you to consolidate some of the wide-ranging material that you have encountered this semester. Try to make the paper fun for you to write and for us to read.

Due on the last day of class (23:59, Thursday, 30 April 2020).