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Our final project for English 122 is to write a scholarly article.In your paper, you should consider existing research from other scholars on a narrow subject, in order to determine a problem or gap. Your paper should help scholars to see how their own ideas fit into the larger research conversation. Using our course question to position your research, you will develop a research question around a narrow object of study. You will consider the research space (or conversation) around wellbeing and your object of study.

**General Specifications**

* To fully address your research question, you will need to write about **2,000 words**.
* Our course **audience** for this paper is [The George Mason Review](http://gmreview.gmu.edu/about/)--a group of academics who are well educated but unfamiliar with our course readings or many of the key concepts we’ve discussed. At the end of the term, you will submit a proposal for publication in The George Mason Review.
* Our course **purpose** for this paper is to synthesize information from various academic sources in an attempt to answer a unique and complex research question. In general, this synthesis should aim to educate students and researchers who may want to know more about our course theme.
* You are creating your own piece of academic writing. Therefore, you need to determine your own **rhetorical** **elements** as you develop your project around your object of study. What is your purpose? What is your problem? What is your relevance? What is your new offering?
* You should focus this paper on a clear and compelling **thesis statement**, which in this case is a one-sentence answer to your research question that presents your new offering.
* Your thesis and this paper must be informed by carefully considered research. To support your thesis, you will need to forward at least **7 academic sources**, using what you have learned about citation patterns and forwarding. You should cite your sources using APA style.

**Organization**

In 2,000 words, you won’t be able to tell your reader about everything your sources say and do in your research space, so you will need to be selective and think about your audience and purpose. You can organize your essay according to the following guidelines:

* Part 1: Introducing Your Project
  + Describe the general academic discussion or territory that your project fits using appropriate in-text citations.
  + Describe how and where your project fits into that academic discussion, and describe the major rhetorical elements that are often found in an introduction (e.g. your object of study, purpose, problem) of your project.
  + Provide your thesis statement (a one-sentence answer to your research question that presents your new offering).
* Part 2: Synthesize the Literature as Answers to Your Driving Questions
* In as many paragraphs as you need to fully prove your thesis, make meaningful connections between your sources. Use your body paragraphs to answer your driving questions in order to directly support your thesis statement.
  + Each body paragraph should include a topic sentence, evidence and analysis from multiple sources, and a warrant.
  + Forward supporting information from your sources in order to build overall cohesion and coherence.
* Part 3: Concluding Your Project
* Summarize your findings in relation to your project.
* Discuss one way your project could be used (relevance)
* Part 4: Reference Page (and in-text citations) in APA Style
  + Include a reference page with a correctly written full reference citation for each text that you’ve forwarded in your project.
* Your in-text citations should be appropriate and accurate.
  + Think about the reporting verbs we have worked with