**General Instructions**

* Use the template on the next page to complete your summary of the assigned research paper.
* The box size for each item/question can be increased in size as needed. Your completed summary should be concise and focused, and not exceed three (3) pages.
* The summary must be typed; single spaced is fine.
* Bullet points and phrases can be used. Be sure spelling is correct.
* State answers *in your own words* rather than quoting the authors. Paraphrase and reword the purpose or hypothesis.
* A brief explanation can be added if you feel it helps justify your response to an item or question. Otherwise explanations are not needed unless requested (i.e., the “why” and “how” questions).
* The number in parentheses for each item on the template will help guide your response and the number of ideas or items of information to be identified or explained.
* Be sure to type your name on all summary pages.
* This instruction page should not be turned in – just the summary pages.
* ***Be sure to submit your summary on time***. It is due on the due date, promptly at the time we start class. Assignments submitted after class starts will not be accepted. You can e-mail assignments to me in advance of the deadline.

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| Category of research |  |
| Title and Journal citation (Journal name, volume, pages, year) |  |
| Authors |  |
| What was the purpose of the study? |  |
| What background knowledge or issues led to this study?  |  |
| In your own words, what was the main hypothesis? |  |
| What methods were used to conduct the study? What were the reported outcome variables?  |  |
| What were the primary results of the paper?  |  |
| What mechanism were measured or discussed for?  |  |
| What conclusion was made?  |  |
| What was one limitation of the study? Why? |  |
| Could the research findings support a claim or does it offer a counter to a traditional argument? What could be done to further this research?  |  |