Students are responsible for writing a brief literature review regarding a specific component of one of the major topics covered throughout the semester (e.g. reducing the optimistic bias, Ambivalent sexism in the workplace, leadership style and group performance, etc).

The literature review must contain information and citations from at least 4 recent (> 2000) social psychological journal articles (e.g. Basic and Applied Social Psychology, Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin). Websites (e.g. Wikipedia) and magazines are not appropriate sources.
SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY LITERATURE REVIEW GUIDELINES

- You must get PRE-APPROVAL from me before you begin your literature review. Please have a concrete topic in mind along with 1 or 2 articles that you are thinking of using in your paper.

- The review should be roughly 4-6 pages and provide an organized and coherent synopsis of the current state of research surrounding the topic. Do not simply summarize the 4+ articles. This is not an opinion paper.

- Your task is to review your topic while demonstrating how different researchers view the social psychological phenomenon using a common/contrasting theme or approach.

- Your paper should be written in accordance with the American Psychological Association’s (APA) formatting and style guidelines.

- You must turn in a hard copy of your review to me and submit an electronic version to the Turnitin Anti-plagiarism web site for our class.
PLACES TO START

Finding Journal Articles (PsychINFO Database)

Topic Ideas

– http://www.socialpsychology.org (Social Psychology Network)

– http://webspace.ship.edu/jacamp/social.htm (Psychology News headlines)

Sample Paper and Lit. Review Tips

– http://webspace.ship.edu/jacamp/social.htm