

ID370 Term Paper

Due December 8th, turn in physical paper at beginning of class (or before). The paper should be no less than 750 words and no more than 900 words (3-4 pages)

This paper is designed for students to build on some of the assignments in the course in order for students to articulate possible future research/projects.

Students should write a paper that describes a potential future research project. I would strongly suggest you build upon the topic you used in your annotated bibliography. The paper should include the following:

- A clear research question or specific area of interest. For example: saying you are going to research homelessness is too broad. Instead, you might say that you are interested in the causes of homelessness in veterans returning from war or exploring the resources available to homeless mothers with small children.
- Discuss what you already know about the issue. Here you can summarize the articles you read for your annotated bibliography. Synthesize them in your own words and tell the reader about the major ideas or issues regarding this topic (rather than summarizing each article individually). Your sources must be scholarly (peer-reviewed articles) you should incorporate at least 4 sources. If you did not have scholarly sources on your annotated bibliography, that needs to be corrected for this assignment.
- A brief overview of what type of research you would do or questions you want to answer. You can talk about what type of study you would want to do (compare data on homeless rates by race), but don't worry about going into too much detail, especially if you have not taken research methods yet.
- What do you hope this research would accomplish? Ideally how could this research either inform future research or be used to help people?

I would rather this be a more simple and realistic project that you might be able to do at CSUSM, than you designing something complex and is not something that you could possibly finish as an undergrad.

Grading

- See syllabus for overall rubric for the paper.
- Paper should include a title page with relevant information
- Paper should have a separate page of works cited.