

CCOM 206: Checklist for Reading and Thinking Critically about Research Articles

Write down the title of your article:

- 1- What specific results are mentioned in the **Abstract**? Are they relevant to your research topic? (if abstract not available, see the **Introduction/Background**)
- 2- Do you agree with the logic of the authors' conclusions? How will you use these conclusions in your essay? (**Discussion/Conclusion**)
- 3- Do you understand the background or motivation of the article?
(Introduction/Background) Select one or more reference(s) from the article's bibliography that you can consult to obtain a better understanding of the article.
- 4- What are the main findings of the article? Check to see if your article has any figures or tables that summarize its main findings. (**Results**)
- 5- What does this article tell you that is important for your essay?