

How to Critique Journal Articles

- I. Overview
 - A. What did the researchers want to do?
 - B. What was the situation used in the test?
 - C. What was the method of analysis?

- II. Framework of the study
 - A. Was it objective?
 - B. What was the phraseology used, and did it reflect bias?

- III. Methods
 - A. What was the set of variables?
 - B. What was the method of experimentation?
 - C. Were there mentions of problems or doubts?
 - D. Were there any data that appear to be missing?

- IV. Findings and conclusions
 - A. What data was given?
 - B. Was any held back?
 - C. Was all information dealt with?

- V. Summary
 - A. Acceptable?
 - B. Were there limitations?
 - C. Major errors?
 - D. Replication?
 - E. Is further research indicated?
 - F. Did the authors do what they set out to do?