Article Critique Form
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The first critique that you hand in for grading should, at a minimum, include the following items:

1. Citation

2. Problem statement

3. Purpose of the study — to describe, explore, evaluate, predict, explain, control, etc.

4. Theoretical constructs

5. Hypothesis(es)

6. Identify variables — exogenous, endogenous, possible control variables.

7. Operational definitions for variables (e.g., how they are observed/measuring instruments)

8. Subjects — Number, organismic characteristics

9. Describe procedures — How subjects were selected and assigned to conditions

10. Describe data analysis.

11. Describe results.

12. What do the authors want us to believe? (This could be different than what the data suggest).

13. What data do they present to substantiate whatever it is they want us to believe?

14. Considering only the data they present, how strong is their case for what they want us to believe? Be sure to indicate why you think the case is strong or weak.

1. Use APA style.