**FINAL PAPER**

Your efforts will culminate in a 3-5-page paper (Times New Roman, 12 font, 1” margins) reporting the findings of your interview project. You will conduct interviews with 2 individuals using a purposive sampling design. The paper will be constructed like an *academic article* with five sections: 1) Introduction (.5-1 page) & Literature Review (1.5-2 pages, w/ 5 peer-reviewed sources), 3) Methods (.5-1 page), 4) Findings (1.5 pages), and 5) Discussion & Conclusion (.5 pages). You will attach a works cited sheet in ASA format. **Drafts of the paper are due in different stages**. See the syllabus for deadlines.

**Title**

**Student Name**

**Introduction (.5-1 page)**

Hook the reader with warrant(s) for your project. Present your topic, research question, and hypotheses. Summarize the findings and argument explaining why you found what you did.

**Literature Review (1.5-2 pages)**

Scan the existing literature related to your topic. Include a minimum of 5 peer-reviewed sources in your written review of the body of literature. Organize the literature review thematically. Be strategic in how you present the literature. The goal is to make space for your own project. You can do this by pointing out a gap or inconsistency in the literature, or even that your particular population hasn’t been studied yet.

**Methods (.5-1 page)**

Explain nature of your population and data, your sampling strategy, how you analyzed the data, examples of the codes that emerged from initial and focused coding, the strengths and limitations of your analysis to answer your research question, and any ethical issues you encountered.

**Findings (1.5 pages)**

Present a summary of your key findings that relate to your research question. Integrate examples from your coded data from your analysis to support your findings (i.e. quotes). You can organize the findings by interviewee or by theme; preferably the latter.

**Discussion & Conclusion (.5 pages)**

Synthesize and tie up loose ends. Review the key findings as they relate to the initial framing of the paper and the argument presented in the introduction. Develop a conclusion that reiterates the importance of your research, while leaving the reader with something to ponder. Spend one paragraph presenting at least two ideas for future research. Spend at least one paragraph discussing broader societal implications and/or ideas for reform or ways to address the issue addressed in your project.

**References (½ page)**

Present any citations in ASA format.

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\*60 points possible\*

**Introduction – 10 points**

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Compelling “Hook” – 4 points

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Warrant for the project – 2 points

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Research Question / Purpose of Paper – 2 points

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Key finding(s) and argument(s) – 2 points

**Literature Review – 10 points**

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Five peer-reviewed sources included – 2 points

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Citations are provided for each claim in need of support – 2 points

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Organization of sources; driven by theme – 2 points

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Strength of literature review as it relates to research question and hypotheses – 2 points

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Separate works cited sheet formatted in ASA – 2 points

**Methods – 10 points**

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Reminder of research question – 2 point

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Population & sampling strategy – 2 points

\_\_\_\_\_\_ How analyzed the data – 2 points

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Examples of initial & focused codes – 2 points

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Reflection on other strengths and limitations of methods – 2 points

**Findings – 10 points**

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Findings of both interviews are presented – 2 points

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Strength of the presentation of findings as they relate to research question – 4 points

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Integration of supporting data into the argument – 4 points

**Discussion & Conclusion – 10 points**

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Summary of key findings – 3 points

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Ties findings back to research question & literature review – 2 points

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Discussion of future research, political implications, etc. – 3 points

**Miscellaneous – 10 points**

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grammar – 5 points

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Tone – 5 points

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Data & coding attached (field notes & coding, 2 interview transcripts & coding) – 2 points