Psychology Research Paper. Research Paper: A factual/analytical research paper for this capstone course would consist of a focused topic, time period or subject in psychology that interests you and addresses a particular problem or event in psychology. You would then compose a 10-12 page research paper (not including title page) in APA format that addresses the following: 1. Topic/Introduction and Thesis Statement: State the purpose of your research paper clearly. What is the main reason you are writing the paper? Is this a factual report, a comparison, or an analysis of a psychological topic? Explain briefly the major points and/or arguments you plan to cover in your paper and why readers should be interested in your topic. 2. Body: Present your evidence that supports your topic and or argument. 3. Literature Review: 15-20 scholarly references in annotated bibliography format that supports your topic and leads your to further research. 4. Conclusion: Summarize your topic and argument. Explain why you have come to this particular conclusion.