

Complete List of Tasks

1. Read...Article #1 Research and Inquiry Skills - HSB4U Conducting Social Science Field Research handout and complete the corresponding question below.
2. Read... Article #2 Research and Inquiry Skills - Conducting Research: Data Collection from Primary & Secondary Sources handout and complete the corresponding questions below.
3. Read... Article #3 Case Study Research examples and complete the corresponding work (see flip side)
4. Come to the seminar and discuss Articles #1, #2 and #3.
5. In five sentences only, summarize the seminar discussion. Make sure all notes are in your portfolio for assessment.

Article #1 Conducting Social Science Field Research

Terms

social scientist inquiry model

hypothesis

APA style

in text citations

Discussion Questions

1. Use the social scientist inquiry model to “hypothetically” investigate a topic or issue of your choice. As you are not expected to actually conduct research today, just imagine how the data analysis and conclusion might occur. Use the steps as subtitles. For example, you could be interested in finding out if parents are stricter with daughters than sons when it comes to curfews and rules. Using the subtitles in the model, note what might happen at each stage of the research.

Article # 2 Conducting Research: Data Collection from Primary & Secondary Sources

Terms

quantitative methods

qualitative methods

primary sources

secondary sources

survey

experiment

independent variable

dependent variable

control group

experimental group

content analysis

secondary analysis

interviews

observation

participant observation

Discussion Questions

1. When conducting research why is it important to gather information from primary and secondary sources? If you were limited to one or the other which would you consult and why? What are the possible pros and cons of each? When you conduct field research which type would it be considered? How do you cite someone’s research that is being described in a source? For example Smith is the author of the article and she is describing a study completed by Brown?
2. Between quantitative and qualitative methods, which do you think yields the better data and why? What are some possible pros and cons of each?
3. The table below shows some results from a survey by Project Teen Canada, conducted by Reginald Bibby in 2008.
 - a) Write two survey questions that could have been used to gather the information in the table.

- b) How might a researcher use either participant observation, observation to gather information about sources of enjoyment for teens?
- c) Find one secondary sourced that discusses this topic. How do these findings compare with the results from Project Teen Canada?
- d) Based on the data below, the secondary source and your own experiences develop a thesis about sources of enjoyment for teens in Canada.

	Respondents Receiving “A Great Deal” or “Quite a Bit” of Enjoyment (%)		
	All	Males	Females
Friends	95	95	96
Music	92	90	94
Internet	83	83	82
iPod/M3 player	80	77	83
Sports	70	81	60
Cell Phone	65	57	72
Television	64	67	61
Shopping	61	41	78
Video/computer games	46	67	27

This question is adapted from De Coeur, Rawes, and Warecki (2012).

4. Which type of field research do you think you would most like to do or least like to do, and why?

Article(s) #3 Case Studies [Poverty in Brazil, When Bystanders Step In & Equity in Education]

Terms

Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

confederates

variable

Discussion Questions

Based on each of the studies

1. Identify the research question or problem that you think the researcher was interested in .
2. What do you think their hypothesis was?
3. What method or methods did they use to gather their data?
4. What data did they gather – what were the results?
5. Do you think their hypothesis was proven?
6. How do you think they shared their findings with the rest of the world?
7. Which of the three social sciences do you think
 - I. Examines the most interesting aspects of human beings?
 - II. Which do you think would be the most useful to politicians and lawmakers when figuring out what laws are needed to regulate society?