# PSY 305 Topic Proposal and Literature Review Worksheet

This worksheet will help you complete Milestone One of Final Project Part I, a research investigation. Using the feedback received from your instructor and classmates in Module One, describe your chosen topic in the box below:

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Then, select your first three references to support your chosen topic, keeping in mind that you will ultimately need seven references for your final paper. Answer the questions below for each of your first three references. The references should be listed in American Psychological Association (APA) format. Note that you may use literature reviews rather than studies. If you do, mark “N/A” for the last two questions.

## Reference One:

**Cite your reference in APA style:**

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**What are the key aspects of cognition covered in this reference/study?**

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**What evidence does the reference/study present for how cognitive processes influence the area of human behavior covered in research?**

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**If your reference covers a study, what research design was used for the study, and why do you think the researchers chose it?**

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**How did the researchers address potential ethical issues in the study, and did they do it adequately? Why or why not?**

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## Reference Two:

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## Considering all three references, address the questions below:

**How have views on this topic changed over time?**

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**What conclusions can be reached, based on these studies and references?**

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**What gaps exist in these studies that could be addressed in future research?**

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**Based on your topic selection and initial resources, what is your research question?**

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