

The Library Research Project:

- The primary purpose of the library research project is to develop your critical thinking and research information literacy skills by uncovering, presenting and analyzing the findings in the literature on the topic at hand.
- It is not an opinion piece, you are not expected to provide your point of view, opinions, or beliefs.
- It is a summary and discussion of the ideas, findings, and information from the textbook and relevant articles that your research uncovers. It demonstrates that you are familiar with the current state of understanding of the issue.
- It is important to support any conclusions that you draw by reference to an authority – your textbook or chosen articles.
- It is also important to demonstrate that you can apply the economic analysis that you are learning in the course to the topic.

Ask yourself if you understand the Research Questions:

It is important to understand the questions you have been asked to research. If you are uncertain, before going any further, be certain to contact your instructor for clarification.

Review the material in your textbook

Begin your work on the project by reviewing the relevant sections of your textbook. Make sure that you understand the vocabulary, concepts and analysis.

Use the Rio Salado Library

You are required to utilize the Rio Salado Library's "[Ask a Librarian](#) 24/7 Chat" for help finding appropriate academic sources for your paper.

- You must provide your RioLearn email address on the chat intake form.
- Include a copy of your Ask a Librarian chat transcript with your paper, following the References page.

The Grading Rubric

Please review this rubric to ensure that you understand how your assignment will be graded.

Grading Category	Description
Completeness (10 points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have you reviewed two scholarly articles that provide differing sides of the topic?• Have you included your textbook as a resource for the topic?• Have you included an Introduction, Discussion, Conclusion and Reference list?• Have you included In-Text Citations?• Is your research paper at least 1000 words long?

Knowledge (15 points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have you clearly defined the question being asked? • Have you identified how it relates to the Economy? • Have you incorporated your knowledge from the textbook into your discussion section by applying your knowledge of economic analysis to the articles you have read? • Have you demonstrated you clearly understand the topic by providing a summary of the articles and textbook in your own words?
Analysis (15 points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have you demonstrated you clearly understand the topic by providing examples as support for the statements made? • Have you presented a synthesized overview of what you uncovered in the conclusion?
Writing Skills (10 points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are your ideas organized and clearly communicated? • Are sentences and paragraphs complete and correctly structured? • Have you cited the textbook and articles using APA guidelines? • Are there errors in spelling or grammar?

How to Cite References in the Paper:

Every research paper should include references and all other citations of published work used. Follow the form specified in the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association:

“... In his investigation into the reliability of observations in the physical sciences, Hedges (1987) argues that ... ”

How to Cite References at the end of the Paper:

In the References at the end of the review, the citation of Hedges (1987) would appear as follows:

Hedges, L.V. (1987). How hard is hard science, how soft is soft science? The empirical cumulativeness of research. *American Psychologist*, 42(5), 443-455.

Writer Checklist – Have You:

- Reviewed the relevant sections of the textbook?
- Consulted with a librarian?
- Identified and read two articles on the topic?
- Introduced the topic and explained the layout of the paper?
- Discussed and analyzed the topic, being certain make use of the economics you are learning?
- Included appropriate quotations from the articles and textbook?
- Presented a reasoned conclusion summing up what you uncovered?
- Written in a clear and engaging style?

Note: A supplemental [Reading Guide](#) and [Example Article](#) are also available to assist you with extracting information from the articles and writing the research paper.