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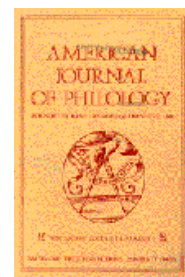
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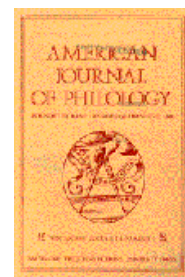
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Please use the following format to guide and write your research paper. Headings/subheadings (see underlined below) should be included to categorize the information required for completion and accuracy.

Introduction

Background

- What is the addiction/problem (in detail)? This should include detailed information about the substance and your target population
- What is the prevalence of the problem? Include demographics.
- What are the consequences of your specific addiction? Cost, loss..
- What are precursors to this specific addiction? Contributors to the problem (ie genetics, environment...)
- What is currently being done to treat and decrease this problem? List a minimum of three programs currently found to be successful and health policy (Federal, State, Local) in place to try and mediate the problem (list)

Summary

- Possible solutions to stop the addiction/problem in your target population. List a minimum of three program proposals you have (this can be your new ideas combined with current programs) and two health policies that may decrease the problem.

Conclusions

Your paper should be typed in Times New Roman or Ariel, 12 point font, double spaced, one inch margins. APA formatting for referencing and title page not to be included in page requirement of eight page minimum.

Sample Topics

- *Tobacco Use and Health Problems*
- *Trends in Heroin Use*
- *Drugs and Children*
- *Fetal Alcohol Syndrome*
- *Effects of Substances in Utero*
- *Drinking and College Students*
- *Heroin in Teens*

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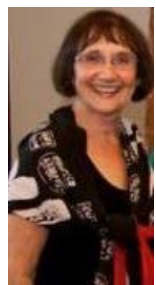


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Journal Review Assignment #1

The first Journal Review Assignment should address a very general substance use topic (e.g., performance enhancing drug use in professional sports; alcohol use among college students; the War on Drugs, etc.)

Select a peer-reviewed journal article that includes a general discussion of substance use in the United States (policy, trends, epidemiology, history) and write a two-page paper (double spaced) incorporating the following criteria:

- Read the entire article. You may need to read the article a few times before you get a full grasp of the contents.
- Write a summary of the article. Cite the title and author of the article in the introductory paragraph. Include the purpose for the article, how research was conducted, the results and other pertinent information from the article.
- Discuss the meaning or implication of the results of any findings if the article addresses a research study. Incorporate your opinion on the article, citing evidence from the article to support your position. Discuss any flaws with the article, how you think it could have been better and what you think it all means.
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