PSYC&100 Paper #2
Comparing Research Publications with Popular Media

Part A
Critically analyze a psychological research article you find using the library website. This article should be relevant to the topics in General Psychology and be scientific in nature. Choose a topic that you are interested in learning more about. I suggest choosing an experiment so you can practice identifying the elements of experimental research. An experiment may also be easier to write about.

Your analysis should include:
- Title of the article, Journal title, and authors
- Identify the research question
- Identify the hypotheses
- Summarize the results

Part B
Now, you should perform a “Google” search (or other search of popular media) on the same topic, and compare and contrast the findings from the “pop media” article with the research journal article. If you analyzed a journal article about “war refugees and anxiety disorders”, you should “Google” this same topic.

Your compare/contrast analysis should include:
- Identify purposes of both articles
- Identify evidence (if any) presented in both articles.
  - Was the evidence properly interpreted?
- Your conclusion about the proper uses of each article.

Paper Mechanics
4-5 pages, double-spaced, 12 point font, 1” margins
Formal grammar, punctuation, and citation

A Note on Citation: Because you will be writing about another person’s work, you will definitely need to properly refer to the author and sources. I prefer APA style, but will accept any format of referencing.

Resources:
SCCC library: http://libguides.seattlecentral.edu/content.php?pid=109757&sid=1030167

SCCC APA style guide: http://libguides.seattlecentral.edu/APA

Compare/contrast writing help: http://www.roanestate.edu/owl/Com_Con.html