

# Summarizing Relevant Research



**It seems counterintuitive, but reading an article from start to finish is NOT the best strategy.**

1. Read the ABSTRACT and the DISCUSSION first. Then decide if it is relevant enough to keep reading.
2. If so, read the INTRODUCTION next.
3. Skim the RESULTS, taking time to look carefully at the graphs.
4. Skim the METHODS.
5. And finally, take NOTES while you are reading.

*Taking notes will not only help you clarify your thoughts, it will also save you a lot of time when it is time to start writing.*

## SUMMARY OF RESEARCH ARTICLE #1

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What are the main findings?

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## SUMMARY OF RESEARCH ARTICLE # 2

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How is this relevant to your question?