Below are step-by-step instructions on how to conduct the searches to complete your assignment. Copy and paste your answers onto your assignment sheet.

**Part I.**

1. **Finding articles on 'contingencies of self-worth'**.
   
   An unnamed student in this class wants to design a study that tests the link between **contingent self-worth** and **academic achievement** in college.

   Do a search for “contingencies of self-worth”.

   How many **empirical, peer-reviewed articles** did your search yield?

   Provide the references for two peer-reviewed empirical articles that are most **relevant** to the hypothesis.

   **What to do:**

   1. Go to on [PsycINFO](#) (You will be asked to log in, if you are off-campus.)
   2. In the first box type: **contingencies of self-worth**
   3. Scroll down a little and Check the small box next to **Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals** on the left side of the page.
   4. Scroll until you find the box labeled **Methodology**.
   5. Scroll through list & highlight (click on it) the phrase **EMPIRICAL STUDY**.
   6. Click **Search**
   7. The number of results can be found at the top of the center column.

2. **Find a specific article by Crocker**.

   Given the somewhat large number of references, Prof. Hilaire has been so kind as to provide a good “starter” reference for studying this topic. Do a PsychInfo search to find the following article:

   doi:10.1037/0022-3514.85.5.894

   **What to do:**

   1. Go to the **Advanced Search** in [PsycINFO](#)
   2. In the first box type: **Crocker**
3. Use the pull-down menu to the right and select AU Author
4. In the second box type the title of the article: Contingencies of Self-Worth in College Students. You don’t need the entire, just the portion up to the colon (:).
5. Use the pull-down menu to the right and select TI Title

This will probably get you to the article but to be absolute sure you get the right article do the following.

6. In the third box type the title of the journal: Journal of Personality and Social Psychology
7. Use the pull-down menu to the right of the search box and select SO Publication Name
8. Click Search
9. Click on the hot linked title to get to the abstract.

4. Using Cited References to find relevant articles.

One way to find other articles related to this topic is to search relevant articles cited by Crocker et al., (2003). Do a search for articles cited by Crocker et al. (2003).

Provide two references for peer-reviewed empirical articles that are most relevant to the search.

What to do:

1. To find two similar, peer reviewed, empirical articles click on the Cited References link. This will give you a list of all the resources the authors used to write their article.
2. As you scroll down the list look for Journal Citation at the end of the citation.
3. When you find an article that you think is empirical, click on the title.
4. Scroll down and look for the following: Methodology: Empirical Study and Publication Type: Peer Reviewed Journal.
5. Create an APA citation for each journal article.

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2. As you scroll down the list look for **Journal Article** at the end of the citation or the **Academic Journal** icon.

3. When you find an article that you think is empirical, **click** on the **title**.

4. Scroll down and look for the following: **Methodology: Empirical Study** and **Publication Type: Peer Reviewed Journal**.

Create an APA citation for each journal article.

6. **Searching articles in a specific Journal**

Not surprisingly, Crocker et al. (2003) has been cited in a number of peer-reviewed academic journals. Because some journals publish better quality research than others, it is important to cite research published in high-level journals.

Use PsycInfo to search for **empirical articles** related to Crocker et al. (2003) that were published in the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, *Self and Identity*, or *Journal of Social and Clinical Psychology since 2003*. Use the subject term “**contingencies of self-worth**,” exclude dissertations, and include articles published in 2003 in your search.

**What to do:**

1. **Go to** the **Advanced Search** in **PsycINFO**
2. In the first search box enter: **Self and Identity** (NOTE: You can use *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology* or *Social and Clinical Psychology* instead of *Self and Identity*.)
3. Use the **pull-down menu** to the right and change **Select a Field (optional)** to **SO Publication Name** (it’s way down the list).
4. In the second search box enter: **contingencies of self-worth**
5. Leave the field to be searched as **Select a Field (optional)**
6. **Scroll down and find** the section labeled **Publication Year from**
7. In the first box **enter**: **2003**
8. In the second box **enter**: **2018**
9. **Scroll down and Highlight** **EMPIRICAL STUDY** in box labeled **Methodology**.
10. **Click Search**.

7. **Searching for books or chapters**

Use PsycInfo to search for **books or chapters** on **contingencies of self-worth** written by Jennifer Crocker since 2003 (include pieces published in 2003 in your search).

Provide **two** references for Dr. Crocker’s book chapters on contingencies of self-worth.
What to do:

1. Go to Advanced Search in PsycINFO.
2. In the first textbox enter: Crocker, Jennifer.
3. Change the pull-down menu to the right of the textbox from Select a Field (optional) to AU Author.
5. Leave the field to be searched (the pull-down menu) as Select a Field (optional).
6. Scroll down and find the section that says Publication Year from.
8. In the second textbox type 2018.
9. Scroll down to the section titled Publication Type.
10. Scroll through the list and highlight All Books.
11. Click Search.

Notice all the entries have a Book icon next to them. The word [Chapter] or [Book] will tell you if it is an entire book by an author or a chapter in a book edited by someone else.

Part II. Doing the Research

In this part of the assignment, you will use the skills you practiced in Part I to search for peer-reviewed empirical articles related to your research project. For Part II of this assignment, find 3 peer-reviewed empirical articles most relevant to your topic by conducting a PsycInfo search. (You may NOT include dissertations, book chapters, blogs, opinion pieces, textbooks, or any random garbage you find online.) Do not just take the first 3 articles that come up – not all of them will be directly relevant to your specific topic.

This exercise will get you started on the literature search for your introduction. Use this as an opportunity to start collecting articles that will move you forward on your project.

What to do:

1. Click on PsycINFO. (You will be asked to log in if you are off campus.)
2. In the first search box type your Independent Variable.
3. In the second search box type your Dependent Variable.
4. Scroll down to the section of the page labeled Limit your results.
5. Check the box Scholarly (Peer-Reviewed) Journals.
6. Scroll down to check the box English.
7. Scroll down to the box labeled Methodology.
8. Scroll through list and highlight EMPIRICAL STUDY.
9. Click Search.
10. For the articles you plan to use, click the Add to Folder link.
11. When you are done choosing, *click* **Go to: Folder View** at the bottom of the box on the right side of the screen titled **Folder has items**.
12. Check the box labeled **Select/deselect all**.
13. *Click* **Print**, **E-mail**, or **Save as File** in the right column. (I recommend **E-Mail**.)
14. *Click* the radio button labeled **Citation Format**.
15. **Select APA (American Psychological Assoc.)** from the drop-down menu.
16. *Click** **E-mail** (or whichever option you chose to use).
   Make sure you review the APA format. You may have to tweak it to follow your professor's citation format.