Article Review Format

Below is the format to use for article reviews. It is simple, but you do need to follow the instructions without any variation. Articles must be selected from a periodical or journal that is reputable. Newspapers are not acceptable sources. Stay away from "questionable" sources; those where articles are not reviewed or "refereed" by an editorial board. Be especially leery of using any online source that may not contain accurate information. If you use an online periodical/journal, please make sure you include the URL of the article in the bibliographic content.

Typing Guidelines

- 1. The critique must be typed and/or word processed using 12 point type in Times New Roman (or similar) font. Margins should be one (1) inch for the whole page (sides and top). The entire document should be no more than one page. DO NOT INCLUDE A TITLE PAGE!
- **2.** The entire document should be double-spaced.
- 3. Remember, according to APA style a paragraph must have a minimum of three and not more than seven complete sentences. Don't forget to double-space between paragraphs.

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Title of Article
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Write a paragraph describing the content of the document. Summarize what is found in the document without commentary.

Describe the presentation of the document - does it look nice, are the illustrations well done, good sound in a video or software, easy to understand. This paragraph is not a critique of the content of the document, but rather a discussion of how well it appeals to the audience for whom it was targeted.

Describe the scientific content and critique it. Is it basically correct, is it now out of date because of new information, is there internal consistency in the document or are there inconsistent facts in the presentation, does it present various points of view adequately, does it identify hypotheses versus factual data, does it identify any bias that may be presented, is it based upon sound science, is there proper citation of references and sources used in the preparation of the document, etc?

Comment on the authors' qualifications to produce this document - i.e. was the document reviewed by anyone, who are they if mentioned (acknowledgments), what is the field of expertise of the authors?

Finally give your opinion of the effectiveness of the work. Will it reach and teach the audience appropriately? Would you find it interesting and worthwhile? Should it be a part of everyone's library? (Keep in mind that the "everyone" you are addressing is the targeted audience.)