

UGS 302: Caring for Older Adults – Topic Exploration Exercise

NO WIKIPEDIA, NO Healthline, or similar web-based sources. More objective sources are needed for academic papers.

If find an article using Wiki for example, review references cited at the end of the article.

1. What interests you about your chosen body part?

Answer the question above by writing 2-4 sentences in the box below.

2. Find background information on the body part you selected. Focus on either the normal function of the body part, expected changes of body part due to age, or disease related changes that can occur to the body part.

Find background information on your body part relevant to normal function, age related changes, or disease related changes. You may use a textbook, encyclopedia, PubMed and/or one of the library databases found on the Library Research Guide. Start with a broad keyword search and then use additional keywords to narrow your search to some of the more focused topics you considered.

Where did you search for background information?

What keywords did you use to search for information about your topic?

What did you find in your background information that relates to one or more of the research writing prompts?

Record citation information in APA format.

3. Find one journal article that you find particularly helpful in learning about the body part you selected. Record citation information in APA format.

Provide 3 pieces of information related to your selected body part that you found valuable in this article. This information could be a fact, a particular keyword, a narrower topic, a reference to another source, or an idea.

4. Find one current (*published less than 12 months ago*) newspaper article that you find particularly helpful in learning about the body part you selected and record citation information in APA format.

Provide a piece of information useful to your paper you found in the newspaper article.

5. How does the information you entered in the boxes above relate to the writing prompts for the research paper?

6. What are some questions related to the body part that you could investigate further in your research?

7. Based on what you found so far, what other types of sources or pieces of information do you need for your paper?

Refer to the Research Paper Assignment to answer the above question. What additional information and/or sources are needed for your paper? For example, if you described how the body part normally functions in question 2, do you still need information on how the body part changes with age, diseases associated with the body part, and/or treatment strategies? Make sure to consider how you will answer the research paper prompts and the additional types of sources you might need, e.g., another journal article or tertiary source.