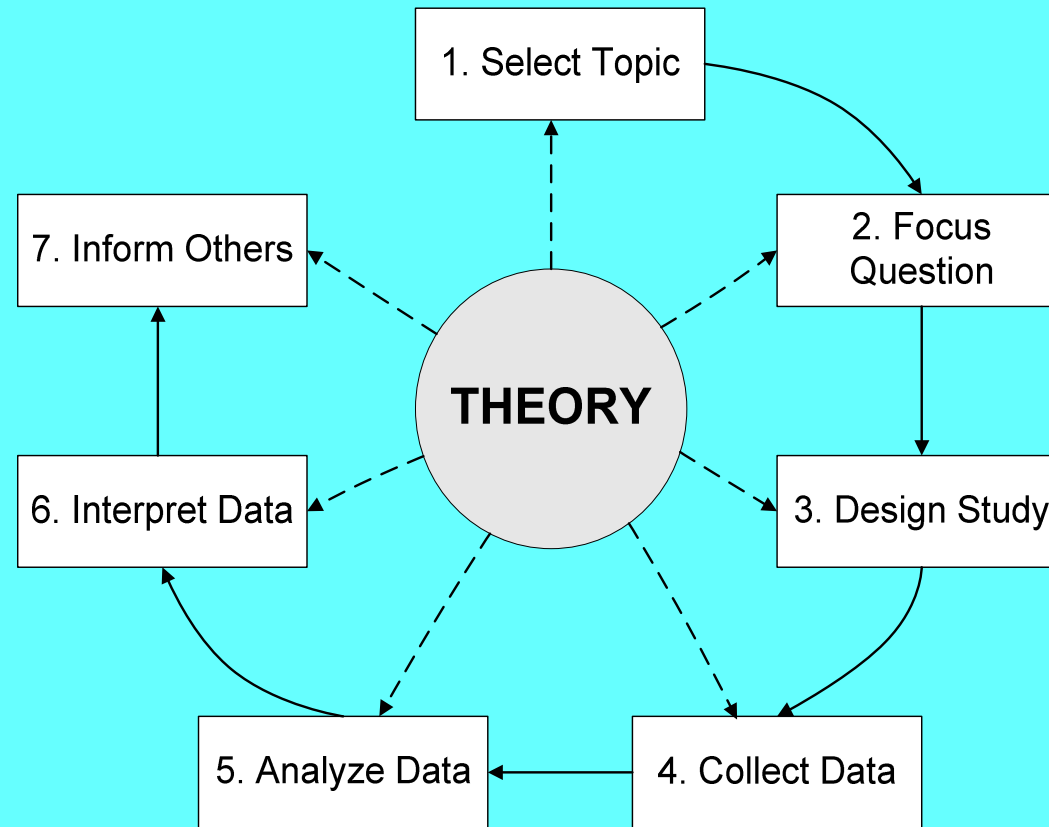


READING A JOURNAL ARTICLE

Typical Format for Journal Articles

- (1) Abstract
- (2) Introduction
- (3) Literature Review/Theory
- (4) Methods
- (5) Results
- (6) Discussion
- (7) Conclusion

Steps in the Research Process



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Practice Article

Curtis, J.E., Baer, D.E., & Grabb, E.G. (2001). Nation of joiners: Explaining voluntary association membership in democratic societies. *American Sociological Review* 66:783-805.

What is the topic of this article?

What is the research question?

How were data collected?

How were data analyzed?

What are the important findings?

Purpose in Reading

What is your purpose in reading a journal article?

- Check relevance to a particular issue
- Understand results
- Understand theory or method
- Evaluate the research

Sections to Read

- (1) Abstract
- (2) Introduction & Conclusion
- (3) Discussion
- (4) Tables and Figures
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- (7) Methods