

My response to peers project:

**Does the author clearly articulate why this project matters to them and why it should matter to others? In other words, do they lay out their exigence?**

- The author states that some of her family members were front-line healthcare workers when COVID-19 hit the U.S. The author also stated that she is majoring in psychology which is part of the mental healthcare workers and is concerned on how the pandemic has affected these careers. The author explains why her research should matter to others in the aspect of bringing awareness of the mental health struggles that healthcare workers deal with as well as how this could be avoided by implementing more policies to protect the mental health of our healthcare workers.

**Does the author offer a set of research questions that they would like to answer? If not, can you guess what you think their project is trying to answer, in terms of research?**

- The author of this project is wanting to research how COVID-19 has affected the mental state of healthcare workers as well as who is taking care of them while they take care of their patients.

**Does the author touch on aspects of both primary research (their hands-on, step-by-step process of selecting a site to research, gathering comments on that site, and analyzing the comments and community) and secondary research (their use of academic articles to inform their primary research)?**

- Yes, the author touches on both her primary and secondary research. Her primary being using comments from the open thread, Reddit, to see how different healthcare workers explain their experience with dealing with the pandemic within their job atmosphere. However, she does also mention a restraint of using Reddit would be because you can't verify a commenter's identity therefore you have no way of knowing if they're actually part of the healthcare field of work. The author also described how she found her secondary research as well as how she will use it to provide evidence to her primary research from Reddit comments.

**Try re-articulating to your peer what you see as their primary and secondary research and how those two things are coming together. If you don't see the relation between the two, identify why. In other words, are you struggling to see how the selected academic articles will inform the author's primary research, or is it clear to you?**

- I love the way the author will bring information from her secondary research to back up her primary research of Reddit comments. I will actually be doing just about the same

with my project as well. The author's primary and secondary research also goes hand in hand with each other regarding the topic she chose to research.

### **What questions do you have about this project? What aspects are unclear to you?**

- Are you using Reddit comments from just psychologists and psychiatrists that work with the mental health of patients all the time? Or are you also including nurses and doctors as well? Many times it takes a nurse on duty in the hospital and a doctor to determine if a patient needs to be evaluated by a psychologist or psychiatrist.

Therefore, they play a part in the mental health atmosphere as well as mental health doctors.

- How do you plan on doing for the layout of your comments? I recommend putting them in text boxes with quotation marks so that the readers of your research know that those comments came from someone else rather than you. This can often get confusing in these types of projects especially if not laid out properly. :)

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- The author does articulate why the project matters to her in sharing that not only does she have friends and family in the medical field, but her future plans involve becoming an ER nurse. She explains the exigence of the project by stating that she wants others to understand how hard nurses work and the stress that they experience in their jobs. This will encourage others to be more respectful towards nurses and caregivers in the field.

Does the author offer a set of research questions that they would like to answer? If not, can you guess what you think their project is trying to answer, in terms of research?

- The author does offer the research questions of what are the causes of stress for nurses as well as what are their coping strategies for this stress.

Does the author touch on aspects of both primary research (their hands-on, step-by-step process of selecting a site to research, gathering comments on that site, and analyzing the comments and community) and secondary research (their use of academic articles to inform their primary research)?

- I do see that the author has mentioned both her primary research and secondary research. For her primary research, she plans to use the Reddit

platform to get comments related to not only personal experiences of nurses and other healthcare professionals in stressful situations, but also how they deal with the stress and its effect on their mental health. For her secondary research, she will be looking at research studies from other countries.

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- In seeing the relation between the author's primary and secondary research, I do see that she plans to use Reddit as her primary source to get personal accounts of nurses dealing with stress. Then, it looks like she will select reliable secondary source articles which she plans to use in support of her primary research from Reddit.

What questions do you have about this project? What aspects are unclear to you?

- What type of non-academic secondary source do you plan on using in your research project? I have learned that the genre of different media definitely affects the purpose of the writing, so this could help you in choosing your non-academic source.
- Do your comments from Reddit include stand-alone comments and/or replies to other comments? I have found that replies to other individuals are great to analyze because it shows how people have similar experiences. Good luck with your project. :)