Template for Evaluating the Research Report

Introduction

o Significance-Does the topic appear important to society? Is it personally relevant?

o Language-Is the presentation clear and objective? Is the language consistent with the approach used by the researchers?

o Literature Review-Is there balance in the point of view found in the citations? Is there an appropriate time frame, with some older and some more current references? Is there a coherent theme? Are primary sources emphasized?

o Research Questions-Are the questions/objectives clearly identified?

          o If the study is qualitative, are the questions/objectives supported by the literature review and/or by the data that emerged during the study?

          o If the study is qualitative, are the questions/objectives open-ended to facilitate theme exploration?

          o If the study is quantitative, are the questions/objectives limited to those with direct foundation in the literature review?

Methods

Participants

o What-Can you identify the target population?

o Who-Is sufficient detail provided about the participants to judge if they are consistent with the target?

o Where-Did the researchers identify the setting, and is that setting appropriate?

o When-Did the researchers identify the time period during which the study was conducted?

o How-Did the researchers specify how participants were selected, and did the selection procedure appear to be appropriate?

o Why-Was there explanation for why these participants were chosen, and is there reason to suggest a bias in selection that would influence the findings?

Procedures

o Completeness-Was sufficient detail provided about the procedures so that the study can be replicated?
o Appropriateness-Do the procedures appear relevant for the research questions/objectives identified for the study?

**Instrumentation**

o Identification-Were the tools used to gather information clearly identified?

o Quality-Do the instruments used to gather information appear appropriate and sufficient to define and describe the variables that were being studied?

**Results**

o Clarity-Were the findings clearly reported?

o Completeness-Were there indicators of an incomplete analysis, and, if so, was the reason explained?

**Discussion**

o Style-Is the discussion clearly written?

o Relevance-Is the discussion focused on how the findings are related to the objectives of the study?

o Conclusions-Do the conclusions follow logically from the results?

o Completeness-Are implications, limitations, and recommendations for further research included?