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The Mini-Study: A 3-Part Assignment for Original Data Creation, Summation, and Visualization

Sample Grading Criteria for Assignments I, II, and III

For use with **The Mini-Study** assignment suite in ACRL's **Data Literacy Cookbook**.

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Assignment 1 Grading Criteria

Assignment Category	Points Possible
Formatting	4
Abstract	2
Introduction	3
Methods (incl. participants, demographics, and data collection method)	5
Survey Questions: 3 x 2pts ea.	6
Results	5
Discussion	5
Total	30

Assignment 2 Grading Criteria

Assignment Category	Points Possible
Topic, data, and all points of information presented in the infographic are clearly labeled.	5
Your Research Question is included somewhere on your infographic	5
Infographic presents or contrasts <u>at least two</u> different data points (i.e., a simple bar graph with two bars, or pie chart with two wedges won't suffice.) Your goal is to collect data about a similar theme or topic and present the data in a new, meaningful way.	5
Original source(s) of information cited in APA format on Infographic, and, if necessary, artists of icons correctly attributed on your infographic.	5
Include a short, written statement (a few, clearly written sentences) that details the following:	10

	Why you selected the data you did, what made it interesting enough	
	to you that you felt it was worth presenting in a new, visual way?	
	(Hint: saying it was about your topic does not qualify.)	
	What about this data connected to your overall research question?	
	What about this data piqued your interest and made you want to	
	share it in a way so that more people would understand its value?	
	How successful do you feel you were in making this data more	
	understandable to your audience? What problems did you encounter	
	in creating this graphic?	
Bri	ing printed copies of the infographic to hand out during your	
Lig	ghtning Talk.	
Gi	ve the written statement to your professor with a copy of your	
inf	ographic.	
To	tal	30

Assignment 3 Grading Criteria

Assignment Category	Points Possible
Presenting your Research Question – it must be phrased as an <i>effective</i> research question	4
Presenting and walking the audience through your infographic	12
Answering your Research Question	4
Total	20