Pre-presentation discussion preparation

On the class day before a group article presentation, we will set the stage for the presentation by discussing: background concepts, the big-picture research question, the statistical analysis, and any other information that is helpful to discuss ahead of time.

Come to class having read the article and having tried to find answers to the following discussion questions. You might want to bring some notes.

(1)   What is (are) the **big-picture research question(s)** addressed by the article?

(2)   What **justifies** or **motivates** the big-picture research questions?

- Try to get a general sense of the **background** section of the article. Are the authors conducting their study in order to extend prior knowledge, or argue against a certain position, or decide between two theories or models, for example?

(3)   What **statistical tests** did the authors use? Try to find the name of the test, and look at how the results are reported. (Is there a *p* value? What other information about the outcome of the statistical test is provided?)

(4)   Are there any **terms** or **concepts** you would like to have clarified in class discussion?

- You are welcome to post questions like this on the class Padlet site.