

## Final project: Paper

- See “Final project information” handout for more details  
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### Grading criteria: Final paper

	Excellent (A)	Competent (B–C)	Needs work (D–F)
<b>Myth and research questions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Myth, clearly stated at beginning</li> <li>• Big-picture RQ clearly stated at beg.</li> <li>• Quantitative measurable RQ(s) clear</li> <li>• Class concepts applied if relevant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Myth indirect or unclear</li> <li>• Big-pic RQ indirect or unclear</li> <li>• Meas RQ(s) not quant/unclear</li> <li>• Some class concepts applied</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No evident myth</li> <li>• No big-picture RQ</li> <li>• No meas RQ(s)</li> <li>• Minimal/none</li> </ul>
<b>Report, discussion of expt</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Info on research participants</li> <li>• Info on experiment design, task</li> <li>• Results reported</li> <li>• Insightful discussion; myth assessed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partial info/participants</li> <li>• Partial info/design, task</li> <li>• Results partly reported</li> <li>• Missing some insights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimal/none</li> <li>• Minimal/none</li> <li>• Minimal/none</li> <li>• Minimal/none</li> </ul>
<b>Data graphic</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ≥1 DG included, with page citation</li> <li>• Axes, categories decoded</li> <li>• ‘Story’ interpreted: what to look at?</li> <li>• DG clearly connected to questions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data table but no DG</li> <li>• No page citation</li> <li>• Somewhat decoded</li> <li>• Somewhat interpreted</li> <li>• Somewhat connected</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No data table or DG</li> <li>• Minimal/none</li> <li>• Minimal/none</li> <li>• Minimal/none</li> </ul>
<b>Mechanics, structure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion logically structured</li> <li>• New terms/formalisms explained</li> <li>• Appropriate citations in discussion; <i>Author (Date)</i> format</li> <li>• Bibliography complete, consistent</li> <li>• Neat, legible, few or no typos</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Needs better structure</li> <li>• Some new terms not exp’d</li> <li>• Needs more citations, or wrong citation format</li> <li>• Bib inconsistent/incomplete</li> <li>• Mostly neat; some typos</li> <li>• Heavy use of direct quot’ns</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very hard to follow</li> <li>• No new terms exp’d</li> <li>• Few or no citations</li> <li>• No bibliography</li> <li>• Many errors; hard to read</li> </ul>

#### *Some notes:*

- There is no official minimum length for this assignment. Your paper will be assessed on whether it includes the specified content and insightful discussion of the data graphic(s), the results of the experiment, and implications for the myth. **Clarity is more important than length or fancy-sounding language.**
- If you are doing your project in a partner group, each group only needs to turn in one (co-authored) paper. Remember to put author names in alphabetical order.