**ENG 210–27**

**Writing II: Research**

**Synthesis Assignment/Essay: 2/18/21**

Critical reading and synthesis **of at least three of the following five articles** (more is probably better). Note these are *not* in APA format—part of your task is to include a Works Cited (or References) page that is formatted in APA style.

1. WHO press release “Gaming disorder” (2018, September 14)
2. The ESA press release “Preeminent Researchers and Scientists Oppose WHO’s Proposed Video Game Action” (2018, March 1)
3. Van Rooij, Ferguson, Carras, Kardfelt-Winther, Shi, Aarseth … Przybylski (2018) A week scientific basis for gaming disorder: Let us err on the side of caution *Journal of Behavioral Addictions*
4. Rae, It’s official | WHO includes Gaming Disorder in ICD 11. Leading the way | WHO knew. netaddictionrecovery.com (2018)
5. Hsu, Video Game Addiction Tries to Move From Basement to Doctor’s Office. *The New York Times* nytimes.com (2018, June 17).

All readings are online, linked to the Schedule page. Note that they all appeared in summer or fall of 2018.

This assignment is partly for you to engage some new material, and to write about it as a way to further reveal and develop your understanding of our topic area, the Internet.

You must use at least three of the authors’ arguments to answer a single question that you see them addressing (they cite each other at times). In your introduction you should pose a question that they are raising, then answer it (make a claim), then use these three or more articles to support your answer. If you are stuck on a question, make it open—what is the future going to hold?—but more specific is better (and more interesting to write).

Look at the *Little Seagull* or the Purdue [OWL](https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/2/10/) or this link from [LIU](https://liu.cwp.libguides.com/APAstyle/home) to understand the APA format and include a “Works Cited” list (the three+ papers you cite). Include in-text citations. Example:

Data may indicate that this is a worldwide problem (Rae, 2018).

That means you will need page numbers for quotations if you have them (APA “encourages you” to add them for paraphrases—see *Little Seagull* p. 139). So always use the PDF version if there is one. For example: According to Van Rooij et al. (2018) “moving from research construct to formal disorder requires a much stronger evidence base than we currently have” (p. 2). Or: A leading psychiatrist said that “I have patients who come in suffering from an addiction to Candy Crush Saga. And they’re substantially similar to people who come in with a cocaine disorder” (Levounis, as cited in Hsu, 2018).

**Due** Thursday, March 4. Two to three pages in 12-point Times Roman double-spaced (longer is usually better) and written in *third person only*.