
What factors contribute to the **college readiness** for incoming **freshman students**?

**Keywords/Subject headings** (*Use the database’s thesaurus to get new vocabulary*)

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**Accessing Sources** (Scholarly vs. Popular)

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Read the article abstract and determine if the article is useful, somewhat useful, or not useful. Using a concrete piece of evidence, explain why/how the article is useful to your research. Can the article help you to answer part of your research question? If no abstract is available, skim the article to evaluate for use.

**For example:**

Martinez, Jacobs, and Aldama (2013) determined the relationship between freshman college readiness and positive parental involvement. One-hundred freshmen students at X Community College in Orange County, CA participated in a voluntary survey that focused on various factors impacting academic success. This article is useful in answering part of my research question because it identifies specific factors that correlate with successful college readiness. The statistical data is particularly helpful in establishing evidence for the importance of parental involvement for young adults transition into college.

**Evaluate Results**

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