The following instructional plan is part of a GaDOE collection of Unit Frameworks, Performance Tasks, examples of Student Work, and Teacher Commentary for the Psychology Social Studies Course.

Psy	Psychology/9 - 12 - Unit Three – Research Methods	
Elaborated Unit Focus	In this unit, students will explore and demonstrate their understanding of why psychology is a science and how they do their research by creating their own unique psychological research proposal. They will also be exploring the different fields of psychology. Through Beliefs and Ideals students will distinguish between good and bad experiments, compose their own surveys, participate in natural observations, review case studies and develop an understanding for the statistical language of psychology. Through Individuals, Groups, Institutions will understand the ethics of research and how institutions influence those ethics.	
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Essential Questions and Related Supporting/Guiding Questions		
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Enduring	• Essential Question: How has the beliefs of society affected the way research is conducted?	
Understanding 1	 What methodologies do psychological researchers use? 	
	 How is government involved in research? 	
	 How have ethical issues changed with society's changes in beliefs? 	
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Understanding 2	 How has psychological research affected our lives? 	
	 Who has responsibility in research? 	
	 Which types of institutions or groups influence how research is conducted? 	

Sample Instructional Activities/Assessments

Online Ethics Course

In this task students will complete an online course for research ethics. There are six sections to this course covering the topics of; Ethical Issues in Research; Interpersonal Responsibility; Institutional Responsibility; Professional Responsibility; Animals in Research; Human Participation in Research. Each section of the assessment has a text that covers the major issues for the section, a case study that allows students to explore options in decisions, and a short quiz. Students must get a 70% on each quiz to be considered as having passed the assessment. Students can return and retake quizzes until they have passed each section. After passing each section students can print or save a certificate of having passed that section. Students use the menu on the left of the screen to navigate from one section to another.

Online ethics course: https://ori.hhs.gov/education/products/montana_round1/research_ethics.html

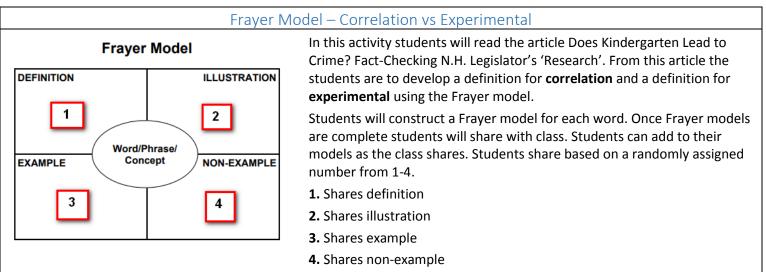
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	Research Methods – Gallery Walk	
This activity will take pa	art in two parts: Poster preparation and Gallery Walk.	
Poster:		
Case Study; Co	s to groups to prepare posters about different research methods. <i>Lab Experiment; Field Experiment;</i> <i>rrelation; Interviews; Questionnaires; Observations; Pilot Study; Content Analysis</i> . (note Pilot Study and sis only have short texts and both could be completed by one group or use them as an opportunity for).	
2. Students break	into groups to read the information about their assigned research method.	
3. Students collect	t a poster sized piece of paper and prepare to summarize the text to share.	
a. Studen	t posters should (note students can use text and/or images):	
i.	Summarize main ideas and information from the text (6 points)	
ii.	Positive aspects of research methods	
iii.	Negative aspects of research method	
iv.	Your emotional reaction to the research method	
۷.	Three ways you could imagine this research method being used	
Gallery Walk:		
1. Students post their posters on the walls around the classroom		
In their groups for each methor	students move around the classroom and summarize each chart for themselves using a 3-2-1 method od	
a. 3 main	points	
b. 2 simila	arities or differences to other methods	
c. 1 conn	ection to the method – connect to text; connect to self; connect to world.	
Student text resource:	https://www.simplypsychology.org/research-methods.html	
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Assessment (formative): Rubric is used twice so total points available is six.

Meets expectations (3 points) – Frayer model accurately defines term and has a strong example and non-example *Approaching Expectations (2 points)* – Frayer model defines term with some refinement needed; examples and non-examples are weaker.

Below expectations (1 point) – Frayer model definition does not define term correctly and has weak examples and non-examples.

Incomplete (O points) – Frayer model is incomplete.

Link to article: <u>http://healthland.time.com/2012/07/06/does-kindergarten-lead-to-crime-fact-checking-n-h-legislators-research/</u>

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Culminating Unit Performance Task

Research Proposal

For this assignment you will be creating a presentation outlining a <u>unique</u> research proposal. You will <u>NOT</u> carry out the research. However, you will go through the initial planning of designing an experiment to test a *PSYCHOLOGICAL* phenomenon. <u>You **cannot** create a proposal that is related to the testing of a drug without the prior approval of your</u> <u>instructor.</u> (Teachers: you may want to exclude proposals of drug related experiments all together). Here are some examples of some creative research proposals:

- Does playing video games improve memory?
- Does writing in journals reduce stress?
- Does smiling make you feel better?

Your presentation is up to you. Some type of visual aid is required. You have all the technology I have at your disposal.

The following questions should be addressed in your presentation:

- Why is this research important to society today?
- Is your research ethical?
- What is the problem?
- What is your hypothesis?
- What are the independent and dependent variables?
- Explain the operational definition for your independent and dependent variables?
- Who is your population?
- How many people will be in your sample?
- Describe the method used to place participants into experiment and control groups. Be sure to identify what group receives the independent variable.
- Identify at least one statistic you would expect to use to study your results.

Resource: Take a look at the guidelines set forth by the American Psychological Association (APA):

http://college.cengage.com/psychology/brehm/social_psychology/5e/students/evaluating.html

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Additional Information, Rubrics for the Performance Task

Rubric for Performance Task

Criteria	1	2	3	4
Citteria	Below standard	Needs Improvement	Meets Standard	Exceeds Standard
Correctly identifies a psychological problem	Identifies a problem that is not a psychological problem	Correctly identifies a psychological problem but is not unique.	Correctly identifies psychological problem and is unique.	In addition to everything in 3 shows insight into the need for a solution to this psychological problem
Accurately states the hypothesis	Incorrectly states the hypothesis for the experiment they have described.	Correctly hypothesizes some aspects of their experiments.	Correctly states hypothesis for their experiment.	In addition to everything in 3: indicates that the null hypothesis has already been tested and this new hypothesis is based on those results
Correctly identify the independent and dependent variables.	Incorrectly identifies both the independent and dependent variable.	Correctly identifies one of the variables but incorrectly identifies the other.	Correctly identifies both variables.	In addition to everything in 3 (meets standard): explains the need for independent and dependent variables in the experimental method
Operationally defines both the independent and dependent variables	Operational definition of all variables is incorrect.	Operational definition of one variable is correct.	Operational definition of both variables is correct.	In addition to everything in 3 formulates how the variables are linked to the bigger picture of the problem.
Determines appropriate population for study and provides rationale for why this is the appropriate population.	Identifies inappropriate population for study	Identifies appropriate population for study, but does not have a rationale for why this is the appropriate population	Identifies appropriate population for study and explains why this population is appropriate.	In addition to everything in 3 provides explanation of how appropriate populations are important to a study.
Describe how Random Assignment is used to place participants into experiment and control groups. Be sure to identify what group receives the independent variable	Simply describe putting them into different groups by using "random assignment." Does not explain why sample size is important.	Describes "random assignment" to put into "different groups" and provides partial explanation of importance of sample size.	Describes "random assignment" to put into "control group and experimental group" and explains why sample size and random sample is important	
Is your research ethical?	Shows minimum evidence of attaining APA approval for research	Controversial research which would have difficulty attaining research	Would easily attain APA approval for ethical research	In addition to everything in 3 (meets standard): explains how society's beliefs and values impact the design of the study
Identify at least one statistic you would expect to use to study your results (ex: mean, median, mode, range, correlation)	Mentions statistics but has nothing specific to their particular research	Attempts to identify a statistic they would use, buy incorrectly selects a statistic that would work for their research	Correctly identifies at least one statistic that they would use to study their results	In addition to everything in 3 (meets standard): describe other statistics from other/similar research studies and/or propose other statistics they could use