**Exercise 5A: CREP Draft Protocol/Proposal**

*(15 points)*

**Due: 3/10 (end of class).** Submit on Moodle.

**0. Remind us which article you are working from at this time.**

**1. Sketch out your initial idea here. The more details the better.** For example, try to include as much of the following as possible: Please briefly state the research problem/question, the primary hypothesis, the primary methods, anticipated results, and the “bigger picture” importance of the research.

**2. The Argument: Rationale/Literature/Theory based reason for your Project. What’s the Gap?** Show us HOW your idea relates to or flows from previous research or theory. That is, tell us what you know from your reading so far and how that then leads to a gap that you intend to fill with your research. In other words, why are you doing your study – what’s your argument? Make sure to cite your references. *Think in terms of the following: Because of X, where X is probably something other researchers have found, and because of Y (ditto), and Z (ditto), we plan to do A (your general method) and expect to find XYZ (your hypothesis).* For more, *refer to Kail, ch. 5 – pp. 67-71.* This question is the most important one in the assignment. You should include information from the other articles you have read thus far (from article notes 1-3).

**3. Variables:** Now, considering the above, clearly identify your variables. Give me BOTH the conceptual variable (construct) and a clear operational definition for all variables.

Independent Variable 1:

Independent Variable 2 (if applicable):

Dependent Variable(s):

**4. Hypotheses (If you have it at this time).** Type your exact, specific hypothesis(es) here. Make sure the hypotheses) are phrased in terms of your variables, including the direction of expected effects. If you don't yet have a grounded hypothesis, include a general research question.

**5. Materials.** What will your materials/stimuli be? From where will you get them? If you have ay of them at this time, include them here.

**6. Procedures.** If you have a sense of how you might test your idea, include those details here.

**7. What’s left?** What else needs to be done between now and the end of tomorrow’s lab?