**Data Collection Articles**

In this activity you will be critiquing multiple articles. Note that if the article is fairly long, feel free to skim it.

**Read the following article to answer questions 1 – 7:**

*Vegetarianism In America*[[1]](#footnote-1)

<http://www.vegetariantimes.com/article/vegetarianism-in-america/>

1. What research question(s) were the researchers trying to answer?
2. Identify the variables of interest.
3. Was the study an observation study or an experiment? Explain.
4. Can you think of any confounding variables?
5. What is your overall impression of the article?
6. What is at least one thing that you like about the article?
7. What is at least one thing that you dislike, or feel could be improved, about the article?

**Read the following article to answer questions 8 – 14.**

*Women Spot Snakes Faster Before Their Periods*[[2]](#footnote-2)

<http://bodyodd.msnbc.msn.com/_news/2012/03/08/10612832-women-spot-snakes-faster-before-their-periods?lite>

1. What research question(s) were the researchers trying to answer?
2. Identify the variables of interest.
3. Was the study an observation study or an experiment? Explain.
4. Can you think of any confounding variables?
5. What is your overall impression of the article?
6. What is at least one thing that you like about the article?
7. What is at least one thing that you dislike, or feel could be improved, about the article?

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