Research Friday: Learning Styles

Objective: This week, you will build on your developing research literacy by locating, summarizing, and reflecting on an empirical study related to learning styles. You'll practice finding peer-reviewed sources, summarizing study details, and considering real-world applications.

Research Question of the Week: What does current research say about the effectiveness of learning styles?

Step 1: Find a Peer-Reviewed, Empirical Article: Using Education Source from the library's database, find a peer-reviewed, *empirical* article published in the last 5 years (2020–2025).

⚠️ Make sure the article reports original research with data (NOT a review or commentary).

List three keywords (or key phrases) you will use to search the library databases).	

Step 2: Summarize Your Study Complete the table below with information from your chosen article:

What was the main research question?	
Who were the participants? What did they do?	
How did the authors operationalize "learning styles"?	
What were the key findings?	
How does this study support, challenge, or complicate what you've learned in class?	

Step 3: Cite Your Source Record the citation details of your study:

Fill out the following information for the source you found.

Authors	
Year of publication	
Title of article	
Journal title	
Volume	
Issue	

Step 5: Cross-Topic Partner Discussion & Reflection

Once you've completed your individual research, pair up with someone else. Write a brief reflection that answers:

Who was your partner? In 2-3 sentences, describe what they found.	
What connections did you and your partner notice between your two articles?	
How can understanding both learning styles help educators or learners improve learning experiences?	