4.14 Abstracting and Synthesizing Information

Objectives
Gain practice in abstracting and synthesizing information from a professional publication.
Develop an awareness of social justice issues as they operate in a particular major or field.

Materials needed
Sample journal abstract
Pen and paper, or copies of the handout

Time needed
Sixty minutes or more

Instructor directions
Provide a sample abstract from a journal article that deals with the social justice issues focused on in your course.
Provide a separate sample article or suggest how students can locate similar articles.
Have students read an article and write an abstract of it, following the form and style of the sample you provided.
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Directions
Examine the sample journal abstract for content, form, and style.
Obtain and read an article dealing with an issue of difference, power, or discrimination from a journal in your field.
Following the sample's form and style, synthesize and write an abstract of that article.