**SDD: Psych EE Initial Meeting Prep**

1. Set up Research Reflection Space (RSS) – OneNote, Google docs, Word, PowerPoint, ManageBac EE journal, etc.
2. How to find information:
	* + Start with broad concept and narrow down to specific behavioral impact – perhaps start with Wikipedia entries and textbook style overviews of the concept
		+ Determine key words/theme of RQ for initial search and refine as needed
		+ Use cited materials you find in your research to find additional resources
		+ Search key words/themes from research articles to find more sources
3. Research, research, research!
	* Find background information about your topic (You will not be reporting all of this in your EE, but it’s important to help you grasp what you will be researching and writing about.) Use *Psychology Today* blogs for perspective and sources.
	* Research your topic, initially it’s about info gathering, eventually the focus will be on analysis and evaluation (MEGA-C); comparative analysis is also useful. For studies, do a .pdf search on Google Scholar and Google. There’s very little on Questia.
	* **What is my argument?** – Keep asking yourself this question. If there is no argument, reevaluate your resources and possibly your RQ.

**\*\*\*Ultimate Goal – ensure there is enough research to systematically structure and support your RQ/argument\*\*\***

1. Review RQ and revise if needed, based on research findings. Be sure RQ follows IB guidelines for a Group 3 EE!

**In preparation for initial supervisor meeting:**

* Bring RQ, all background information and preliminary research (should be documented in RSS), and questions about your topic and research findings – we need to make sure there’s enough research in the field to systematically structure and support your argument.
* We will go over the general timeline and plan for what needs to be accomplished over the course of the EE process.