

Data Sheets for Discourse Analysis #1:

Team Name: _____

In this exercise, you are asked to analyze 7-10 average-length paragraphs from the journal article assigned to your team. Note that you should choose at least one paragraph from the introduction, one from the conclusion, and the remainder from the body of the article. The paragraphs you choose should have few, if any, equations or lists. Total length of the sample should be 750-1250 words.

The goal is to generate some data about these representative paragraphs in order to increase your awareness about how they are structured and the language that is used. The analysis criteria are outlined below and in the pages that follow.

1. Sentence Structures: What types of sentences are used (simple, compound, complex, compound/complex, fragments, run-ons)?

2. Sentence Openers: What types of sentence openers are used (noun/pronoun, adverbs, prepositional phrases, dependent clauses, verbals, coordinate conjunctions, fillers)?

- 3. Paragraph Length:** What is the length of the paragraphs (mean and range of sentences per paragraph)?

4. Paragraph Structure: How many levels of generality do the paragraphs have? **NB.** You may need to diagram the paragraph structures below.