

Written Assignment: Worth 3%
DUE: handed in on paper in class October 3

STEP 1: Visit the TED Talk Website (using the URL below) and search for a talk on the subject matter of psychology. Watch one of the talks that interests you, as long as it is a minimum of 12 minutes in length. Use *THIS link*: Copy+paste this entire link into a browser.
<https://www.ted.com/search?cat=talks&q=psychology+research>

*Note: You can use other TED talks found elsewhere – just make *sure* the presenter is a PhD in psychology. If you are not sure, please just ask me!

STEP 2: In an essay of a maximum of 500 words, respond to the following:

- Give a summary of the TED talk, emphasizing the speaker’s main points.
- What type of data or evidence did the presenter show to back up his or her information?
- Read the biographical information and do some basic background research on the presenter. What area of psychology do they work in? More specifically, which psychological perspective would you say best fits the type of work they do? Why?
- What did you find most interesting about the talk, and what will you most likely remember from the talk?
- What other questions would you have for this presenter if you could have a conversation with him or her? What else would you like to know about the topic?

Paper formatting: [.25 point deduction for each formatting criteria not met]

- The FIRST PAGE (page 1) must include:
 - the title BONUS ASSIGNMENT: Topics in Psychology,
 - your name and student ID,
 - the title of the TED Talk, the name of the presenter,
 - when it was filmed,
 - the URL of a link to the video.
- Content (your essay) starts on the SECOND page (page 2) not in including your title or the cover page
 - Include a Word Count at the bottom of your essay.
- Your paper must be : 12 point font, Times New Roman, paragraphs indented or a space between paragraphs, 1” (2.54cm) margins on all sides.
- Complete sentences, paragraphs, proper spelling, grammar, punctuation.

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Cover Sheet:			Points -
<p>Title: Topics in Psychology: (insert the topic) Your name and Student ID Title of TED talk Name of Presenter When filmed Link to video</p>			.25 point deducted for <i>each</i> criteria not met
TED Talk Chosen:			Points -
<p>Appropriate topic matter of psychology Minimum 12 minutes in length</p>			.50 point deducted for <i>each</i> criteria not met
Formatting of Essay:			Points -
<p>Essay starts on page 2 A maximum of 500 words Word count listed at bottom of essay 12 point font Times New Roman font Paragraphs indented OR space between paragraphs Margins all sides: 1" (2.54 cm) Proper sentences, paragraphs, spelling, grammar, punctuation</p>			.25 point deducted for <i>each</i> criteria not met
Essay Itself:			
Criteria			Points +
<p>Almost no spelling, grammar, or punctuation errors. Essay is clear and flows well.</p>	<p>A few spelling, grammar, or punctuation errors. Essay is mostly clear but room for improvement in clarity and/or flow.</p>	<p>Many spelling, grammar, or punctuation errors. Essay is not clear or difficult to understand and/or essay does not flow.</p>	___ / 3
<p>Coherently and accurately summarizes the information in the TED talk.</p>	<p>Does not provide enough detail in the summary or misses important main points.</p>	<p>Incomplete summary or difficult to understand.</p>	___ / 3
<p>Describes interesting and memorable concepts from the talk and explains the research, evidence, or data cited by the presenter to back up this information.</p>	<p>Does not fully or accurately describe concepts from the talk or does not reference the evidence demonstrated in the TED talk.</p>	<p>Does not describe concepts from the talk and does not explain evidence.</p>	___ / 3
<p>Accurately makes and describes the connection between the TED presenter and the field and perspective of psychology that he or she is presenting about.</p>	<p>Makes a connection with the TED talk and a perspective but does not describe the perspective or demonstrate an understanding of the perspective.</p>	<p>Inaccurately or incompletely describes the psychological perspective that fits the TED talk.</p>	___ / 3
<p>Elaborates on other remaining questions for the presenter or about the topic.</p>	<p>Does not fully elaborate on other remaining questions for the presenter or about the topic.</p>	<p>Does not consider other questions for the presenter or questions about the topic.</p>	___ / 3
Total:			___ / 15