

Written Assignment #1: Worth 4%

DUE: part uploaded to Moodle ahead of class, and part handed in on paper in class Thursday, October 10

This assignment is meant to help you learn how to find evidence-based peer-reviewed scientific information about topics in psychology. You will become familiar with CUE's online library. You will also be introduced to APA 7th formatting of references.

I strongly suggest you check in with the librarians for help and DEFINITELY refer to the following resources on APA 7th reference formatting:

https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/reference_list_basic_rules.html

https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/reference_list_author_authors.html

https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/reference_list_articles_in_periodicals.html

And of course, you can ask me!

1. Choose a topic within psychology that you would like to explore.
2. Describe this topic in general terms in a sentence or two – in your own words.
3. Select three resources on this topic from the CUE library's online database. Note: The resources must be:
 - full-text available from CUE's online library
 - peer-reviewed
 - journal articles (not book chapters or books)
 - published within the past 10 years.
4. Download and save as the three articles as PDFs.
5. Upload the three articles (PDFs) to the appropriate spot on Moodle.
6. Write a Reference page for these three articles following APA 7th formatting for references. This will be handed in on paper in person in class.
7. Put your FirstName LastName, Student ID in the top left hand corner of the page.
On the next line write your answer to point #1 above: the topic you wanted to explore.
On the next lines, write your one or two sentence general description of this topic as described in point #2 above.
On the next page or the back of the page, write your Reference list following APA 7th as per the links above.

Follow the EXACT APA 7th formatting guides for references.

Format your page with: page margins of 1" (top, bottom, sides), use 12pt Times New Roman font; the entire page should be double spaced.

Before class on Thursday, Oct 10: upload your 3 journal articles to Moodle in the correct spot.

At the beginning of class on Thursday, Oct 10: hand in the paper portion (the Reference page) of this assignment to me.

Grading Criteria:

You start with a grade of 100%. For each error or omission of the above-noted criteria, 5% is deducted. One "free" error permitted. **Check your work!! Read the criteria carefully!!**

Number of Errors:	* 5% =	100% -	GRADE:
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Written Assignment #2: Worth 5%

DUE: handed in on paper in class Thursday, November 7

This assignment provides an opportunity for students to think critically and creatively about course content and discuss it in a “scholarly but conversational” voice.

This assignment is based on one of the quotes on your name card.

1. Choose one of the quotes from your name card. (Write this down in class or take a photo of it.)
2. At the top of your paper write your name and student ID, followed by (starting on the next line) the quote and who said the quote (from your name card).
3. Write a paragraph (100-250 words) about the psychologist who said the quote—look up this psychologist to find out their relevance to psychology (e.g., what were/are their contributions). **Do not just copy this from Wikipedia or use ChatGPT or similar AI writing tools.** You will need to cite your references for this paragraph!
4. Use the remainder of the space (350-500 words for this part) to write about one of the quotes on your name card. Discuss what the quote means by linking it to the course content.

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

- FIRST PAGE: Include your name, student ID, followed by (starting on the next line) the quote and who said the quote (from your name card), and a word count for your essay. [Note: The word count does NOT include the information on this first page or the reference list; the word count is only of the body of your essay.
- Content starts on SECOND page (page 2).
- Content is to be a maximum of 750 words.
- Your paper must be: 12 point font, Times New Roman, paragraphs indented or a space between paragraphs, 1” (2.54cm) margins on all sides.
- Proper sentences, paragraphs, spelling, grammar, punctuation. Can be informal though.
- On the last page, provide references of where you obtained the information from about the psychologist.

Grading Criteria: Out of 10

.25 points deducted for each error in formatting criteria and .25 points deducted for each spelling, grammar, and punctuation error. *Use the feedback you receive from your Writing Assignment #1 for the References!*

Discussion of the psychologist who said the quote: what were/are their contributions to the field? what area of psychology were/are they in? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• in your own words (no plagiarism!) accuracy and completeness• maximum 250 words	3	
Discuss what the quote means by linking it to course content. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• be specific, use examples• be creative – go past the obvious – try to link this to more than just one aspect / chapter of the course content• use your own words!	5	
References for where you obtained the information about the psychologist who said the quote.	2	
SUBTOTAL	10	
less any formatting penalties		
WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT GRADE		

Written Assignment #3: Worth 6%

DUE: handed in on paper in class Thursday, November 28

This assignment provides an opportunity for students to think critically about psychology research and to discuss it in a formal manner.

1. Find a popular news article from within the past 5 years that reports on the results of a psychological study. This should not be a blog entry, but a published news article from a news source such as CBC, The Globe and Mail, Time Magazine, The New York Times, Newsweek, CNN, , etc. Read through the article and ensure that it is descriptive and sufficiently long enough in order to draw conclusions from the original research mentioned. This is a great place to find news articles: <https://www.snexplores.org/topic/psychology>
2. Find the actual published journal article for the study that is mentioned in the news report. If more than one study is mentioned, find the most relevant one. You will do this through the CUE library site like you did for the first assignment. If there is more than one citation/reference, look for the actual journal article about the research – not a book chapter, or a report, or anything else.
3. Write a paper (350-500 words) that:
 - describes and summarizes both the news article and the actual research journal article
 - compares (similarities) and contrasts (differences) between the news article and the research journal article: (e.g., key findings, does the headline accurately describe the research findings, is the word "prove" used in the news article, what details and nuances are missing from the news report that are important to know to interpret the research findings reported)

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

- Include your name, student ID, "Assignment 3", and the word count at the top of the paper.
- On the next line provide the APA 7th reference with link to the news article.
- Underneath this, provide the APA 7th references) to the journal research article(s).
- Content starts on the next line. Content is to be, as noted above, between 350-500 words.
- Your paper must be: 12 point font, Times New Roman, paragraphs indented or a space between paragraphs, 1" (2.54cm) margins on all sides.
- Proper sentences, paragraphs, spelling, grammar, punctuation. This is more formal than the writing style of Assignment #2.

Note: 50% of your grade on this assignment will be deducted if the news article does not meet the criteria or if the research journal article does not meet the criteria. IF YOU ARE UNSURE—ASK ME!! I'm happy to help.

Grading Criteria: Out of 10

.25 points deducted for each error in formatting criteria and .25 points deducted for *each* spelling, grammar, and punctuation error. **Use the feedback you receive from your Writing Assignments #1 and 2!**

Both similarities (compare) and differences (contrast) are noted.	1	
Clarity of writing overall.	1	
Accuracy of information.	3	
Thoroughness and depth.	5	
	SUBTOTAL	10
	less any formatting penalties	
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