

Observation Paper Rubric – PSYC 2314

The use of the subject's real name in the paper will result in a 0 for the paper due to violation of confidentiality. The subject's real name should only appear on the permission form.

Criteria	Proficient	Competent	Novice
Part1: Heading Info	2 points Correctly identifies class (PSYC 2314) and section number student is taking	1 point Correctly identifies class (PSYC 2314) but not section number	0 points Correctly identifies class (PSYC 2314) but not section number
Part1: Paper Category	2 Points correctly identifies the stage of development being observed	1 Point	0 Points Does not indicate any stage of development or incorrectly identifies the stage of development.
Part1: Date/Time/Location	6 Points Provides the date, time, and location of the observation	3 Points Provides the date and time, but not location; or, provides location but not date and time.	0 Points Does not indicate date, time, or location of the observation.
Part2:Developmental Stage	10 Points Correctly provides all 5 specifics required (age, sex, area of development observed, Piaget stage, and Erikson stage) with a clear subheading called "Developmental Stage"	6 Points Correctly provides at least 3 of the 5 specifics required: Age, sex, area of development observed, Piaget stage, and Erikson stage	0 Points Does not correctly provide any of the 5 specifics required (age, sex, area of development observed, Piaget stage, and Erikson stage).
Part3: Piaget Detail	7 Points One description of an observed behavior that provides evidence of Piaget's cognitive developmental stage. In a separate sentence names the stage as well as provides an explanation or definition from the textbook, with correct APA citation.	4 Points Lose 3 points for missing description. Lose 3 points for missing explanation. Lose 1 point for an incorrect or missing citation.	0 Points Fails to provide a Piaget example.
Part3: Erikson Detail	7 Points One description of an observed behavior that provides evidence of Erikson's psychosocial developmental stage. In a separate sentence names the stage as well as provides an explanation or definition from the textbook, with correct APA citation.	4 Points Lose 3 points for missing description. Lose 3 points for missing explanation. Lose 1 point for an incorrect or missing citation.	0 Points Fails to provide an Erikson example.
Part3: Additional Detail #1	7 Points An additional observed behavior described. Behavior is named and explained. Correct APA textbook citation provided for each.	4 Points Lose 3 points for missing description. Lose 3 points for missing explanation.	0 Points Fails to provide an additional example.

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		Lose 1 point for an incorrect or missing citation.	
Part3: Additional Detail #2	7 Points An additional observed behavior described. Behavior is named and explained. Correct APA textbook citation provided for each.	4 Points Lose 3 points for missing description. Lose 3 points for missing explanation. Lose 1 point for an incorrect or missing citation.	0 Points Fails to provide an additional example.
Part3: Additional Detail #3	7 Points An additional observed behavior described. Behavior is named and explained. Correct APA textbook citation provided for each.	4 Points Lose 3 points for missing description. Lose 3 points for missing explanation. Lose 1 point for an incorrect or missing citation.	0 Points Fails to provide an additional example.
Part3: Additional Detail #4	7 Points An additional observed behavior described. Behavior is named and explained. Correct APA textbook citation provided for each.	4 Points Lose 3 points for missing description. Lose 3 points for missing explanation. Lose 1 point for an incorrect or missing citation.	0 Points Fails to provide an additional example.
Part3: Additional Detail #5	7 Points An additional observed behavior described. Behavior is named and explained. Correct APA textbook citation provided for each.	4 Points Lose 3 points for missing description. Lose 3 points for missing explanation. Lose 1 point for an incorrect or missing citation.	0 Points Fails to provide an additional example.
Part4: Key Takeaways for Developmental Stage	20 Points Closing paragraph shares key takeaways from the developmental stage observed. A thoughtful response addresses all areas of development (physical, cognitive, social, and emotional).	10 Points Closing paragraph shares key takeaways from the developmental stage observed but touches on only two areas of development (physical, cognitive, social, and emotional).	0 Points Lacks a closing paragraph which shares key takeaways touching on areas of development.
Spelling and Grammar	7 Points Few to no spelling or grammar errors	3 Points Deduct 1 point for each spelling error, such as Piaget or Erikson's name. Deduct 1 point for writing in first person (except in Part 4). Not to exceed 7 points.	0 Points Spelling and grammar errors hinder clarity or show lack of proof reading

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Part 5: Reference	4 Points Separate section labeled "Reference" that correctly uses APA style to reference the textbook	2 Points Section not labeled, or textbook not referenced using correct APA style	0 Points No reference provided
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Results: Bar Graph Data	2 points Bar graph accurately reflects relevant data (the scores from the measure) from the results section; bars labeled correctly with mean or percentage numbers indicated at each bar	1 point Fails to graph relevant data or label bars correctly	0 points Fails to include a bar graph or fails to graph relevant data and label bars correctly
Results: Bar Graph Figure Caption	2 points Included correctly labeled figure caption (ie Figure 1) and accurately describes what the graph depicts	1 point Fails to accurately describe what the graph depicts	0 points Figure caption not provided
Results: Bar Graph, No Data Interpretation	2 points Correctly indicates whether the difference between the groups is significant; do not interpret whether or not the results support the hypothesis	1 point Fails to indicate significance or interprets data	0 points Fails to indicate significance and interprets data
Discussion Label	1 point Discussion section label is centered and bold		0 points Section not labeled correctly
Discussion: Support of Hypothesis	2 points Provides a clear statement of the hypothesis(es) and whether or not the hypothesis(es) was(were) supported by the data	1 point Fails to include one required item	0 points Fails to include both required items
Discussion: Reasons for Support	2 points Summarizes reasons why the results either support or fail to support the hypothesis by tying to theories, key terms and/or previous research	1 point Summarize reasons, but fails to tie to theories, key terms, or previous research	0 points Fails to summarize reasons
Discussion: Research Limitations	2 points Provides a clear and inclusive summary of study limitations	1 point Fails to include one or more study limitations	0 points Fails to include any study limitations
Discussion: Research Implications	2 points Discusses the implications of the results and benefits to society	1 point Fails to discuss study implications or benefits	0 points Fails to discuss study implications and benefits
Reference Label	1 point Reference section label is centered and bold		0 points Section not labeled correctly
Reference	5 points Provides correct APA reference for selected article	2 points Partially correct reference provided	0 points APA reference not provided
Citations	4 points Provides correct APA in-text citations	2 points Partially correct citations or missing some citations	0 points In-text citations not present