

## **Child Psychological Development -Child Psychology Literature Assignment**

Each analysis is worth a maximum of 33 points with a total of three assignments. Papers must be submitted through SafeAssign in BlackBoard on the due date (see agenda in syllabus). Plagiarism score must be less than 25%.

### **Purpose:**

The Child Psychology Literature Assignments have a multi-part purpose. First, it is intended to demonstrate your in-depth comprehension of a topic that has been discussed in class or readings in text and relate it to a children's literature book that also demonstrates the topic. It will help you keep track of important ideas in the course that you will need to review and apply. Most importantly, it is intended for you to give your thoughts on the children's literature book that has had the most impact on you, and to identify a book that you feel can be a useful platform to help children in their psychological or psychosocial growth and development.

### **Procedure:**

Your Child Psychology Literature Analysis should demonstrate comprehension of the topic of your choice and contain a critical and thoughtful reaction to the chosen book. Your thoughts should make up the majority of the Children's Literature Analysis. There are a number of ways you might approach the task.

- a. Focus on an aspect of the topic that pertains to some issue or idea we have discussed in class. Does the book support those concepts? Explain why it is significant.
- b. You must include the main character(s) and their relationship to the story of the book.
- c. Focus on a particular theme, personal experience or issue raised by the topic and give your own perspective on it. Include how the books supports the theme. Be sure to elaborate on your opinion. What is your thinking based on? What are the strengths and the weaknesses of the main sides of the story, as you see it? What is your personal experience that is relevant to the issue? What feelings were elicited by the book?
- d. Include the moral of the story or lessons learned from the book.
- e. Include how this book applies to psychology and to the practical application or use in a child's life.
- f. Include your favorite quote from the book.

**Format:**

Your Child Psychology Literature Assignment must be APA format, double-spaced and cover the areas outlined below. It must have a title page, page numbering, and consistent use of references through APA format. Proofreading for grammatical errors is expected and plays a role in the evaluation of the assignments. Make sure that your paper is in the form of an essay with an introduction, body and conclusion with the use of appropriate headings as necessary. You must include the following:

- a. Title Page- APA format
- b. Introduction- Book Title, Author, Year, Include the appropriate age group for the book. Was this the first time reading this or was it a book read as a child or as an adult?
- c. Brief summary of the book. Include main character(s)
- d. Analysis, themes, strengths/weaknesses, and how the book related to class topics in child psychology. Include morals or lessons learned. Include the practical use in a child's life, etc.
- e. Your reaction to the book: feelings elicited, personal experience or perspective about the book. Include your favorite quote and why.
- f. Reference Page
- g. Assignment is not to be over 3-5 pages **excluding** title page and reference page.

**What to Avoid:**

This assignment is NOT a book report! You must give a brief summary of the topic in order to write a good paper, but only summarize what is necessary to write your thoughts, the rest should be your opinions and relevance to your experiences or feelings elicited from the book.

It is also important to avoid vague impressions about the topic. Be specific about the topic, also be sure to include quotes, or concepts, theories or arguments for or against. Make sure you make proper references to these specific details.