


Current Event Paper 1

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Instructions

Current Event Paper Assignment # 1

To be completed by the end of Week 2.

This assignment will involve the selection a current event from the news and applying it to a concept or subject from the readings in your course textbook, *Psychopathology: Foundations for a Contemporary Understanding*, 4th edition (Maddux & Winstead, 2016). Papers must be a minimum of 5 pages in length. Your submission should be double-spaced with 1 inch margins on all sides of each page and should be free of spelling and grammar errors. It must include source crediting of any materials used in APA format, including source citations in the body of your paper and in a Reference list attached to the end. Easy to follow guides to APA formatting can be found on the tutorial section of the APUS Online Library.

Students may select any subject from the textbook, as long as they are able to (a) thoroughly describe the selected concept and (b) make a sound case for why it relates to the selected current event.

Students may select any relevant current event from the news, citing the description of the event from an internet news source.

The paper will include three major components:

1. Selection and description of the current event
2. Selection and description of the textbook concept
3. Integration and synthesis of the textbook concept with the selected current event

Your paper will be submitted as an attachment though the classroom Assignments page. When your paper is attached it is automatically submitted to Turnitin.com.

Due Date

May 16, 2021 11:55 PM

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Rubric Name: PSYC406 Current Event Paper 1 (Week 2)

Criteria	Exemplary	Accomplished	Developing	Beginning	Did not attempt	Criterion Score
Introduction	15 points Clear introduction which summarizes the major points to be covered in the paper. Topic sentence is well developed.	12.75 points Introduction satisfactorily summarizes the major points to be covered in the paper. Topic sentence is satisfactorily developed.	11.25 points Introduction only partially summarizes the major points to be covered in the paper. Topic sentence is marginally developed.	9.75 points Introduction inadequately summarizes the major points to be covered in the paper. Topic sentence is not present.	0 points Student did not attempt this portion of the assignment.	/ 15
Relevance of Event and Concept	40 points Selected current event is relevant to the chosen applied textbook concept. Discussion of the chosen topic is clear, accurate and related to the current event.	34 points Selected current event is somewhat relevant to the chosen applied textbook concept. Discussion of the chosen topic is adequately clear, accurate and related to the current event.	30 points Selected current event is marginally relevant to the chosen applied textbook concept. Discussion of the chosen topic is marginally clear, accurate and related to the current event.	26 points Selected current event is inadequately relevant to the chosen applied textbook concept. Discussion of the chosen topic is not clear, sufficiently accurate or related to the current event.	0 points Student did not attempt this portion of the assignment.	/ 40
Synthesis / Critical Thinking	35 points Evidence of academically mature insight and use of critical thinking skills in describing and analyzing the textbook concept; clear and thorough articulation of how the selected concept relates to the chosen current event. Sources are credited and cited appropriately.	29.75 points Evidence of adequate academically mature insight and use of critical thinking skills in describing and analyzing the textbook concept; sufficiently clear articulation of how the selected concept relates to the chosen current event. Sources are credited and cited appropriately.	26.25 points Evidence of marginally academically mature insight and use of critical thinking skills in describing and analyzing the textbook concept; marginally clear articulation of how the selected concept relates to the chosen current event. Sources are credited and cited appropriately.	22.75 points Inadequate evidence of academically mature insight and use of critical thinking skills in describing and analyzing the textbook concept; unclear articulation of how the selected concept relates to the chosen current event. Sources are insufficiently credited and cited appropriately.	0 points Student did not attempt this portion of the assignment.	/ 35
Format/Writing	10 points Work is presented in a logical and coherent way. Writing is clear, articulate and error free. Citations are composed in proper format with few or no errors. The student uses a preponderance of original writing (i.e., use of own words and proper paraphrasing) and uses direct quotations minimally and only when necessary/or appropriate.	8.5 points Work is grammatically sound with a few minor errors. Citations are composed in the proper format with some errors. The student uses original writing (i.e., use of own words and proper paraphrasing) and uses direct quotations minimally and only when necessary/or appropriate.	7.5 points Work contains frequent grammatical errors. Citations are inaccurate or improperly formatted. The assignment may reflect an underuse of original writing and an overuse of directly quoted content.	6.5 points Work does not demonstrate appropriate undergraduate level writing. It reflects an underuse of original writing and an overuse of directly quoted content.	0 points Student did not attempt this portion of the assignment.	/ 10

Total

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Overall Score

Exemplary

90 points minimum

Accomplished

80 points minimum

Developing

70 points minimum

Beginning

60 points minimum

Did not attempt

0 points minimum

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