

REC 380 ~ Human Development Essay

Point Total: 60 points [3-5 pages max double spaced formal writing]

Due Date: Hard copy is due in class on Wednesday Nov 20, 2019

Description:

The purpose of this assignment is to research and analyze a specific phase in our human development. You are asked to identify the development needs of a specific period of your choice... then connect the growth of this period to the influence of play. A main factor in this assignment is to assert what you think is the most challenging area of development for this age and explain how play is a driving force in our development.

Requirements:

- A. For this assignment you will need to pick a one of the following age periods in Erikson's Stages of Human Development. The stages you may select are; Toddler, Pre-School, Elementary School, Middle School, High School, Young Adulthood, Middle Aged, or Elderly.

YOU MAY NOT PICK THE FIRST TWO YEARS OF LIFE / INFANCY

- B. Research the relevant normal development milestones for this age (i.e.what are they experiencing) plus this period's normal growth and healthy development.
- C. **Make an assertion to what you think is the "biggest issues or challenge" this ages faces in their play that can affect their healthy development.** In other words what are the biggest concerns in play at this age that can impact their development? You are going to make an assertion and then write an essay on that topic.
For example you can use the big issues like;* the role of technology in play for this period, * need to playing outdoors more, * age is becoming too sedentary in their play, * over programmed play, * age's need for more free unstructured play, * play demonstrating time pressures of life, * impact of video games, * impact of social media in play, or plays role at school.
- D. Research this topic but make a personal assertion to what you feel is the biggest issue and connect specific examples of how this age plays that highlight this issue. Make a strong case for why you think this is the most critical area for their development during this age and how play demonstrates this challenge and conflict in a major role in our development.
- E. **You must use and site at least 2 external sources to support your assertion and reference these sources.**
- F. **You will need to write an essay explaining your case, with an introduction, body of your work and a conclusion of plays role in our development.** The paper needs to be organized in a standard 5 paragraph essay. (Intro, three body paragraphs and conclusion format). The paper is 3-5 pages double-spaced pages (**no cover sheet please**).

Grading:

Criteria	Points
Following Directions – Strong Assertion	10
Organization of thoughts and paper	10
Content and Development of paper	10
Critical thought in the topic used	10
Style and Writing	10
Quality examples /connection to Play	10
Total:	60