

Psyc 304

Child Development

Written Assignment

Instructions

In the mycourses folder “Written Assignment”, you will find four news articles reporting on the results of a recent study on some aspect of children’s development, along with the journal articles that each of the news reports describe.

You should read *one* of the news articles and the corresponding journal article and write a 4- to 5-page report addressing the following issues.

(1) *Summarize the research article (1.5 to 2 pages)*. Be sure to address each of the following points: (a) What was (were) the research question(s)? (b) Who were the participants? (c) How did the researchers test their research questions? For example, what measures did they use? (d) What were the results? What conclusions did they draw?

(2) *Discuss the accuracy of the media report (1.5 to 2 pages)*. Did the news article include all the relevant information necessary to understand and interpret the study? Did they describe the study accurately? Are the conclusions drawn in the media article consistent with the results of the study?

(3) *Identify two or three ways to improve the media report (1 page)*. Discuss two or three revisions that you would make. For example, is there critical information about the study that the journalist omitted? Would you change the conclusions that the journalist identified? Does the headline overstate the results of the study? Does the journalist make recommendations to parents that you think are not justified based on the findings of the study? Do you think there are recommendations that could be made that the journalist did not make? Remember that media reports are brief, so you cannot suggest changes that will make the report significantly longer.

Formatting

Font: 12-point Times New Roman

Margins: 1” all side

Double spacing

No title is necessary.

Submitting your Assignment

(1) Please save your paper as a .pdf document using the following convention:

Lastname_firstname_Article#

For example, if I chose article 2, my file would be: Dirks_Melanie_Article2.pdf

Note that following this convention will allow us to distribute the papers for grading more efficiently.

(2) Please upload your paper to the Assignment folder on mycourses.

Due Date: November 4, 2019 at 11:59 pm.

We will deduct 10% from the total score of the paper for each day that it is late.

Frequently Asked Questions

(1) Do I need to read additional journal articles?

No. If you want to do additional reading, you can, but it is not required.

(2) Do I need to include a reference list?

If you do not cite any additional papers, you do not need to include a reference list. If you do cite additional papers, please include a reference list at the conclusion of your paper (APA format). The reference list does not count towards your page total.

(3) Can I write more than 5 pages?

No. Learning to write concisely is an important skill, so the 5-page limit will be enforced in the name of academic growth.