

Application Exercise #3: Death & Afterlife Beliefs - Life Stories

SWK 3301

Overview

Students are expected to complete application exercises, which must comply with all academic and professional standards and follow proper APA guidelines. Application exercises must be submitted online by each due date, which will occur on Saturdays at 11:59pm of assigned week.

For this assignment, you are asked to identify a culture other than your own and research common beliefs about death and the afterlife for that culture. Note: If you choose an ancient/historic belief that has changed over time, write about the influence that the belief might have on the culture today.

Directions

Step 1: Identify a culture other than your own.

Step 2: Research common beliefs about death and the afterlife of that culture. Please use a minimum of two scholarly articles to complete this assignment.

Step 3: Respond to the following questions.

1. What is the culture that you identified?
 - a. From which part of the world did the culture originate?
 - b. Are you going to write about modern practices and beliefs or ancient/historical practices and beliefs? (Or a combination?)
2. Briefly describe the common beliefs about death and the afterlife for the culture that you researched.
3. Identify ways in which death and afterlife beliefs of the culture you chose to research are relevant to course materials. How might these beliefs be relevant to social work practice? (For example, how might grief and loss counseling be adapted to work with someone with no afterlife beliefs?) Please provide at least three points.
4. Briefly reflect on this experience from a personal perspective.

This assignment should not be more than three pages long. APA formatting and style should be used and proper citations should be included. Please edit your work for spelling and grammar.

The following rubric will be used to grade the exercise out of **10** points.

| Criteria | Full Marks | Partial Marks | No Marks |
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| <p>Identification and description of the culture of choice.</p> <p>(1 point)</p> | <p>Identifies the culture and provides information about the part of the world from which it originates and whether the culture is modern or ancient.</p> | <p>Provides some information about the culture but does not include important descriptive information.</p> | <p>Does not provide appropriate description of the culture.</p> |
| <p>Brief description the common beliefs about death and the afterlife for the culture.</p> <p>(3 points)</p> | <p>Briefly identifies common beliefs about death and the afterlife for the culture.</p> | <p>Briefly describes common beliefs about death or the afterlife for the culture; but not both.</p> | <p>Does not briefly describe common beliefs about death and the afterlife for the culture or the description is unclear.</p> |
| <p>Identification of at least three ways in which research is relevant to course materials. Can include how these beliefs might be relevant to social work practice.</p> <p>(3 points)</p> | <p>Identifies at least three ways in which research is relevant to course materials. Can include how these beliefs might be relevant to social work practice. Demonstrates understanding of course materials and critical thinking.</p> | <p>Identifies less than three ways in which research is relevant to course materials and/or social work practice. Demonstrates understanding of course materials and critical thinking.</p> | <p>Does not identify ways in which research is relevant to course materials and/or social work practice and does not demonstrate understanding of course materials and critical thinking.</p> |
| <p>Inclusion of personal reflection on the experience.</p> <p>(2 point)</p> | <p>Provides meaningful personal reflection about the experience.</p> | <p>Provides basic comments about the experience, but reflection does not seem to be meaningful or personal.</p> | <p>Does not provide a personal reflection of the experience.</p> |
| <p>Proper APA style, formatting, and citations are used. Assignment is edited for grammar and spelling.</p> <p>(1 point)</p> | <p>Uses proper APA style, formatting, and citations. Assignment is edited for grammar and spelling.</p> | <p>No partial credit.</p> | <p>Does not use proper APA style, formatting, or citations. Assignment is not edited for grammar and spelling.</p> |