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Short Paper Guidelines and Rubric



PSY 322 Short Paper Guidelines and Rubric

As part of this course, you must write short papers on different topics pertaining to adolescent development. While the topics vary, your papers must include the following components:

- Answer the question or address the issue(s) described in the instructions.
- Include your perspective, when applicable, and share your opinion or explain your rationale for your position.
- Follow word count guidelines. Include references and citations for material presented that are not your own original work. You can use a citation generator in lieu of listing yourself as a source.

What to Submit

Short paper assignments must follow these formatting guidelines: double spacing, 12-point Times New Roman font, one-inch margins, and a **requirement: 1–2 pages.**

Short Paper Rubric

Criteria	Exemplary (100%)	Proficient (85%)	Needs Improvement (55%)
Analysis	Well-developed, effective, and accurate analysis of the topic and its impact on adolescent development	Effective and accurate analysis of the topic and its impact on adolescent development	Accurate analysis on the topic and its impact on adolescent development, but requires additional support
Conclusions	Clearly identifies conclusions and/or perspectives and connects each to a specific adolescent development concept with clear supporting details	Identifies conclusions and/or perspectives and connects each to a specific adolescent development concept	Attempts to identify conclusions and/or perspectives but does not always clearly or accurately relate each adolescent development concept
Clarity	Organization is sound and ideas flow logically	Ideas are organized clearly, although there may occasionally be some lapse in logical flow	Organization is difficult to follow at times, and there is a lapse in the logical flow of ideas
Citation Integration and Format	Paraphrases and/or integrates quotes effectively, with all citations in accurate format	Mostly paraphrases and/or integrates quotes effectively, with almost all citations in	Paraphrases are occasionally too similar to original text and/or quotes are occasionally

		accurate format	too long or are integrated ineffectively, with most citations in accurate format
Writing Mechanics	No errors related to grammar, style, and citations	Errors of grammar, style, and citations are marginal and rarely interrupt the flow	Errors of grammar, style, and citations are limited enough that the paper is still able to be understood



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