Psychology 2301 APA Assignment
Professor Hutchinson

Please read the following guidelines for your research paper and inform Mrs. Hutchinson of any questions or concerns you have regarding the details of this assignment.

1. Select a professional, journal article that addresses any topic found within the course text. Examples include: depression, anxiety, stress, ADHD, social networking, shyness, attractiveness, caffeine, divorce, video games & aggression, psychoactive drug use, etc. Articles need to be approved by the instructor to ensure they are appropriate for the assignment. Please submit articles for approval via email by assigned date. Students must use their WCJC issued student email address when communicating with Mrs. Hutchinson.

2. -Utilize the WCJC library's database proxy server EBSCO.
   *Search the Psychology Behavioral Sciences EBSCO collection
   *Select the following criteria: peer reviewed, full text, scholarly, between 2010-2016
   *Do not use an article that is a "meta analysis" or utilizes "Psyc Info" or another research database. Be sure the article is conducting ***new*** research, not merely summarizing other people's research in the entire article. You are looking for either a "**Correlational**" or "**Experimental**" design study and will need to identify which type of study you article conducts.

3. Filter through the results and select one journal article that meets the following criteria:
   -At least **4** full pages of text (excluding large visual aids and references)
   -You understand the concept of the study and feel comfortable paraphrasing the article
   -The article has an Introduction (although this is not always identified- see me for help identifying the "introduction section"), Method, Results, and Discussion section.

4. Read your article several times to confirm comprehension. Email the article to yourself. Then log in to your email and forward that email to Mrs. Hutchinson.

5. Have your article approved by Professor Hutchinson via email by assigned date. Once approved bring a hard copy to class by assigned date for Prof. Hutchinson to sign. This signed article must be submitted with the APA test.
   -<u>Getting article approved and signed by the deadline = 15 points of total grade.</u>

6. For the APA workshop: You will learn how to paraphrase the journal article (See the Important Dates on Faculty Web for the specific date of the APA workshop). You will learn to explain sections of the article in your own words to demonstrate understanding and comprehension.
   -<u>Attending and participating in the APA workshop = 15 points of total grade.</u>

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7. Students will take an APA test one week after the APA workshop. The test will include a new article. Students will be required to:
    a. Identify the type of study (correlational or experimental) and explain WHY it is that type of study.
    b. Identify and explain the hypothesis/hypotheses
    c. Identify the variables
    d. Identify the population and describe the sample
    e. Paraphrase a small section of the article (Introduction, Method, Discussion, etc.) No direct quotations will be allowed.
    f. Show appropriate in-text citation
    g. Show appropriate Reference page citation

    -The APA test is worth 70 points of the total APA Assignment Grade

Article Approval Due:_____

APA Workshop Date: _____

APA Test Date: _____