**Developmental Psych Project**

Due: Tuesday, October 22nd @ midnight

In Unit 3 we will be looking at the psychological and cognitive development of people throughout their lifespan – “from womb to tomb.” I hope that this project will allow you to apply what we’ve learned in a more personal way.

The project consists of interviewing one individual from four different age brackets: adolescence, young adult (20-35), middle adulthood (36-66), and late adulthood (older than 66). You can interview *almost* anyone you want, but only one of these people can be a family member. Additionally, you cannot interview yourself for your own project.

Once you’ve completed the interview, type up the questions and answers. You must also write a 400 to 500-word essay on the addresses the following prompt: To what extent are people of different age groups different from each other? The essay must have a thesis, and use evidence from the interviews to support your claims. Please make sure the interview and essay are typed (12-point font) and double-spaced.

You need to record the responses to **at least** 10 questions with each individual. Below is a list of mandatory questions; the others are up to you.

General Questions:

\*What do you think is the ideal age? Why?

\*Describe your life in 3 words.

\*What has been your greatest accomplishment thus far in life?

\*What is the biggest obstacle in your life right now?

\*Do you have any regrets in life? If so, what?

\*Who is/are the most important person/people in your life

Adolescents and Young Adults:

\*What goal(s) would you like to accomplish by the end of your life?

\*What are you excited and concerned about in the upcoming stages of your life?

Middle and Late Adulthood:

\*How is life for adolescents similar and different than when you were an adolescent?

\*What is one piece of advice you could offer a teenager today?

FYI

Rubric is on the back. This assignment is worth a test grade.

\*\*\*A note about turning in the assignment\*\*\*

Please share the project via Google Drive. Create a folder and 5 documents. The first 4 documents should be the interviews and the last document should be the essay. Please allow me to have editing privileges on all of the documents.

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| Thesis  15 points | 15 points  Thesis statement clearly answers the prompt. Direct and specific answer to the prompt. | 10 Points  Thesis statement answers the prompt. Somewhat generalized or non-specific answer to the prompt | | 5 Points  Thesis statement answers the prompt, but is very general and non-specific. | 0 Points  Thesis doesn’t answer the prompt. |
| Ability to Compare and Contrast using Evidence  20 points | 20 Points  Accurately compares and contrasts both figures using clear and specific evidence at least 3 times. | 15 Points  Correctly compares and contrasts both figures using specific evidence at least 2 times. | | 10 Points  Correctly compares and contrasts both figures using specific evidence only once. | 5 Points  Comparisons and contrasts do not use any evidence or are incorrect. |
| Organization  5 points | 5 Points  Writing separates main ideas and is easy to understand | 4 Points  Writing separates most main ideas and is overall understandable | | 3 Points  Writing separates some ideas, but there is some confusion about what the author is saying | 1 point  Writing is very disorganized and hard to understand |
| Formatting and Spelling/Grammar | 5 Points  12 point font  Double spaced  No major grammar/punctuation errors | 4 Points  12 point font  Double spaced  Occasional grammar/punctuation errors | | 3 Points  One issue either with spacing or font size  Many grammar/punctuation errors | 1 Point  Significant issues with spacing and font size  Many grammar/punctuation errors |
| Total | | | /40 points | | |

Interviews

Adolescent Interview

Did they ask the 10 questions (required + 2 extra)?

Yes – 10 points

No – Deduct 1 point per missed question

How many errors were made in the transcript?

None – 5 points

Some – 3 points

Many – 1 point

Young Adult Interview

Did they ask the 10 questions (required + 2 extra)?

Yes – 10 points

No – Deduct 1 point per missed question

How many errors were made in the transcript?

None – 5 points

Some – 3 points

Many – 1 point

Middle Adult Interview

Did they ask the 10 questions (required + 2 extra)?

Yes – 10 points

No – Deduct 1 point per missed question

How many errors were made in the transcript?

None – 5 points

Some – 3 points

Many – 1 point

Late Adult Interview

Did they ask the 10 questions (required + 2 extra)?

Yes – 10 points

No – Deduct 1 point per missed question

How many errors were made in the transcript?

None – 5 points

Some – 3 points

Many – 1 point