Psyc 341 Assignment – Final Paper

DUE:

- Write and upload final paper by Monday midnight (Oct 9) - 75 % of grade
- Present your paper in class - 25% of grade.

Paper Format:

- Your name and date at top. Title page optional.
- Typed, use or save in MS Word (if possible). Times New Roman font (or as close as possible)
- 1” margins.
- Write in paragraph format – no bullets. Paragraphs are typically 6-8 sentences long.
- Paraphrase (I have read the articles). One or two VERY SHORT quotes per paragraph are okay, but make sure you CITE them in APA style and put them in your Reference list. For help, Google: APA OWL
- NOTES:
  - You do not have to cite the article itself in any of your paragraphs unless you use quotes.
  - Do NOT use your textbook in this assignment.

Paper Content:

- SELECT one (1) of the following papers below. Each paper has a number of sections for you to summarize.
- REPORT TITLE: Title your report like this:
  - Report on the article ____________________ ← put the title of your article here (no underline)
- WRITE a report, one (1) paragraph for each one of the sections. Make sure to include answers to these questions, in paragraph form:
  - What does the author(s) say about it? (description, important points, etc.)
  - Discuss/describe the evidence or examples the author(s) gives to support his/her position.
- PARAGRAPH TITLES: Title each paragraph with the title of the section (e.g., Characteristics and Functions)
- Put a REFERENCE list at the end
  - Title it: References
  - Include: The references you cited from each section.

Presentation in class:

- Start with a very short summary of each section (just the facts, no opinion)
- End with your opinion: What was the main (overall) message that you got from the paper? What more do you think needs to be done (example – how it might apply to situations in your life).

Papers (select one):

Paper 1 - The Cognitive Advantages of Balanced Bilingualism
- Myths about Raising Children To Be Bilingual
- Childhood Bilingualism and the Development of Cognitive Skills
- Bilinguals’ Enhanced Metalinguistic Awareness
- Optional: Summarize one (1) other section from the paper for extra credit.
• Reference: Pick one source from the reference list and summarize it’s main conclusion(s). Make sure to cite this source and include it in your reference list.

• The Affect Heuristic
• Affective Versus Cognitive Focus in Attitude Formation
• Unconscious Processes and Decision Making
• Optional: Summarize one (1) other section from the paper for extra credit.
• Reference: Pick one source from the reference list and summarize it’s main conclusion(s). Make sure to cite this source and include it in your reference list.

Paper 3 – Mild traumatic brain injury and posttraumatic stress disorder in returning veterans: Perspectives from cognitive neuroscience
• mTBI: a brief description and definition
• PTSD development and manifestation following TBI
• Conclusions
• Optional: Summarize one (1) other section from the paper for extra credit.
• Reference: Pick one source from the reference list and summarize it’s main conclusion(s). Make sure to cite this source and include it in your reference list.

Paper 4 – Fast and frugal food choices: Uncovering individual decision heuristics
• Factors influencing food choices
• BOTH Heuristic models of food choice AND The lexicographic decision heuristic
• Discussion, but ONLY the section titled Why do heuristics work in food choice?
• Optional: Summarize one (1) other section from the paper for extra credit.
• Reference: Pick one source from the reference list and summarize it’s main conclusion(s). Make sure to cite this source and include it in your reference list.

Grading criteria:
• Turned in by deadline.
• Style and formatting:
  o Meet all formatting requirements (Your name at top, titles, paragraph format, etc.).
  o No style errors (spelling, grammar, etc.).
  o EXACT APA format for references. Google “APA OWL” if you have formatting questions.
• Content:
  o Paragraphs (5+ sentences).
  o All parts contain required content per the instructions, paraphrased as necessary.