### Psychology Final Exam Research Paper

**Requirements:**

* At least 6-8 pages of written text, not counting appropriate front and end matter
* Typed, double-spaced with 12-point TNR, one inch margins
* APA Formatting
* At least 5-7 sources. One source must be a book other than your text. You may include your text book as a source. Other sources are to come from Mel.org or Proquest journal articles. All information should be current and is to be documented according to the APA style: **This means you must have an in text citation for every reference page entry.**
* GUM accuracy: free from grammar, usage, and mechanical errors. Spelling counts.

**Components:**

A. Title Page 10

B. Abstract 10

C. Introduction 10

D. Content

History/Background 10

Causes 10

Symptoms 10

Treatments 10

Case Study 10

E. Conclusion 10

F. References 10

G. Language (GUMS) 10

H. APA format: headings, in text citation, etc. 10

I. Pre-writing and Draft Work 10

**Pre-writing:**

Note Sheets 20

Outline 20

Drafts (3 parts) 30

**Total: 200**

1. **Title Page:** Follow APA guidelines. Include your name, Introductory Psychology 101, Advanced Technology Academy, and date. See template emailed to you.
2. **Abstract:** One paragraph that gives a brief overview of the paper, stating main points or findings.

Directions: Begin a new page after your title page. On the first line of the abstract page, center the word Abstract (no bold, formatting, italics, underlining, or quotation marks).

Beginning with the next line, write a concise summary of the key points of your research. (Do not indent.) Your abstract should be one paragraph double-spaced. Your abstract should be between 150 and 250 words.

1. **Introduction:** Here you will introduce your topic and give a brief overview of main points of the paper. Use a hook to gain your reader’s attention. You may use an interesting statistic, famous quote, short anecdote (story), etc. Then move to the disorder.
2. **Content:** This contains all information pertinent to your research. Thoroughly complete each section required. This will be the bulk of your paper. Be detailed. Do not write a general statement without supportive evidence. Be sure to include in-text citation with a matching reference page entry.
3. **Conclusion:** This summarizes the entire paper and serves as a review of your findings.
4. **References:** This section should contain 5-7 entries. Be sure to consider the usefulness of each source. Do not use a source just because it contains something related to your topic. Choose wisely. Entries must follow APA format: hanging indent, correct order, etc. Juniors--see me for assistance if needed.
5. **Language:** Remember this is a college course. All work should be edited and proofread to ensure accuracy. If in doubt, ask. Have someone check over your work. Use spell/grammar check before turning in your paper. READ over your work before turning it in.
6. **APA Format:** Be sure to use APA formatting. You should have information from Ms. Martin and you can always use the Internet for help. After school workshops will be available for assistance.
7. **Pre-Writing and Draft Work**: All work done before the final draft must be turned in with the final draft. In addition, the final paper must be emailed to me at sbowmanata2@yahoo.com. Subject line: name, hour, psych final

**Pre-Writing:**

**Note Sheets:**  A note sheet must be completed for each source you explore, whether or not the information is actually used in your paper. I will have note sheets available for you to write on, and I will email you note sheets to type. A minimum of 5-7 note sheets are required. Five note sheets are required with rough draft work.

**Outline:** You must complete an outline of your work. You may use easyessay.com to produce your outline, or you may use the outline format I will email you.

**Drafts:** The draft work will be done in 3 stages. Stage one requires you to complete the introduction and background. Stage two includes causes and symptoms. Stage three includes treatments and case study. All remaining sections are to be included in the final draft.

**Schedule and Deadlines:**

Week 1: **March 31, April 1**  Library work: Wed and Thursday this week. Find at least one book and complete one note sheet. More may be completed if time.

Week 2: **April 5**  Work over break: Find two or more sources of information and complete two or more note sheets. If using Proquestk12.com remember that the user id is 91-86556REMOTE when not in school. The password is bigchalk. To access Mel.org at home, you will need a Michigan license or library card. If you go to the library over break, a librarian can be of great assistance and you will be able to get a good amount of information for your paper within 1-2 hours.

Week 3: April 12 Work in class Monday. All sources should be completed this week and outline should be worked on. **3 notesheets due by Wednesday, April 14.**

Week 4: April 19 Complete 2 notesheets, outline, and part one of draft. `**Due April 23.**

Week 5: April 26 Complete part two of draft **Due April 30**

Week 6: May 3 Complete part three **Due May 7**

**Week 7: May 9 Final Papers Due May 14; Printed and Emailed**

Do not wait to the last minute before typing your work. Computers are available in room 230 each day after school until 4:00 (sometimes later). Save your work in more than one place. I suggest using Zoho.com or Google docs to save your work on the Internet. Be careful when using computers outside of school. You must save your work in Word to be compatible with the school computers. **WORK MUST BE TYPED.**

**All work is due by beginning of class. Any deadline not met will result in 25% loss of credit if turned in by end of day due and 50% loss if turned in the following day. Work turned in after the next day will receive 75% loss of credit. Emailed work is accepted for due dates if absent and the absence is excused. Paper copies must be turned in upon return to school.**