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**Psychology 101**

***Regarding Henry***

**Argument Paper**

The movie *Regarding Henry* depicted a person suffering from what is know as retrograde amnesia. This type of amnesia is the kind most depicted in the movies, but it is extremely rare.

**Assignment:** You are to write an argument paper (500-750 words) supporting the idea that the issues surrounding Henry’s amnesia and recovery are unrealistic. Some areas of consideration:

1. Learning: Henry has to relearn to read. Do research on what is involved in learning processes when a brain injury has been sustained.
2. Caregiver Issues: People who care for someone recovering from a major injury react to the caregiver role in various ways.
3. Brain Injuries: Research different kinds of brain injuries and the effects on the body.
4. Personality Change: Research specific case studies (e.g. Phineas Gage) and other articles that discuss a change in personality due to a brain injury.
5. Memory: Is someone likely to lose memory in the way Henry did? Explore various aspects of memory loss.

**Pre-Writing:**

A. **Research** various articles on amnesia, memory, and brain trauma, caregiving, and learning. I will have some articles on memory and amnesia available on Google Apps. Complete a summary form for each article read. (**Minimum of 5 articles required**)

B. **Decide** on the issues you will focus on in the paper.

C. Think about what does seem realistic in the movie. Choose one point to use as a counterargument.

**Drafts:** The draft work is to be done on Google docs, shared with me, and submitted to Turnitin.com by the initial due date for draft work.

A. Body: Develop your issues in the body paragraphs, using resources from your research. Be sure to cite your resources. A minimum of 3 issues should be developed. Choose one issue on which to form a counterargument. Body paragraph drafts will be turned in separately—see outline below.

B. Introduction: Include basic explanation of types of memory and a summary of the situation Henry experiences in the movie. End with a statement of argument.

C. Conclusion: End with a brief restatement of the major arguments presented in the paper.

**Final Copy:** Your final draft is to be uploaded from Google into Classroom.

A. **Revise** your draft. Revisions should be readily apparent.

B. **Format:** APA formatting is required. A title page and reference page are to be included. Use the WETAP book as a guide and use the template emailed to you.

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**Requirements / Grading**

Graphic Organizer 10 pts

5 Article Summaries (3 pts each): 15 pts

Drafts of intro, argument body paragraphs,

counterargument, and conclusion 25 pts

Final Draft:

 Intro 10 pts

 Argument: Three Issues 30 pts

 Counterargument: 10 pts

 Conclusion 10 pts

Conventions:

 GUMS , Transitions 10 pts

Presentation: APA Format

 Title Page 5 pts

 Reference Page 10 pts

 Basic Format 5 pts

 In-text Citations 10 pts

Paper assigned: Nov 29, 2016

Initial Due Date:

Three research sheets due by the end of class on **Friday, Dec 2.**