

## **Introduction and Justification**

Understanding human development has benefits far beyond receiving a good grade in this course. The goals of this optional assignment are twofold. First, I hope it shows the relevance of the field of human development to those of you who may not yet see the value in your own discipline, and second, this assignment will help apply some of the abstract concepts learned in this course. The content analysis allows you the opportunity to consider how human development is portrayed in popular media.

## **Content Requirements**

You must have your supplemental media (i.e., movie or show) approved by me before beginning the assignment. You should choose approximately 90 minutes or more of content (one movie or 2-3 episodes of a show). Your supplemental content should have at least one main character within a developmental period from this course (infancy, preschool, childhood, adolescence). Some of my favorites include: *Riding in Cars with Boys*, *Babies* (Netflix), *Modern Family*, *Little Miss Sunshine*, *The Breakfast Club*, *Blended*, and *Big Daddy*; you can get creative! Think of your favorites and watch it from a developmental lens.

You can earn up to one point per content/concept example. In order to be a fully fleshed-out example, you must include:

- 1) a brief description of the scene or scenes illustrating your chosen concept
- 2) the name or label of the chosen concept
- 3) a definition, *in your own words*, of the chosen concept
- 4) an explanation of how the scene(s) illustrate that concept
- 5) whether you think the target child's development will be positively or negatively impacted by the experience.

You must incorporate textbook content to support your ideas and illustrate your understanding of course concepts.

You can earn partial credit (i.e., not a full point) for a content/concept example. Because of the strengths-based approach to this course, if you include multiple examples earning partial credit, you can still earn 3 total points (e.g., 6 examples earning  $\frac{1}{2}$  point each, 2 examples earning 1 point each and 2 examples earning  $\frac{1}{2}$  point each, etc.).

### **Layout and Formatting**

Compose your paper single-spaced in a Word document using a 12-point font.

You should have at least a paragraph (5-7 sentences) for each content example. At the end of your paper, include a list of the film (title and year) or episodes (show title, episode title and number) you watched for your assignment.

### **References**

You should include section titles as parentheticals when using textbook content to support your ideas.