

This is what the Teacher is looking for in the paper

PS 315 Core Assessment Research Reaction Paper

I. What is a reaction paper?

A reaction paper is an analysis and evaluation of the material presented. It is similar to a review. It should be more than a simple summary of the material that you are evaluating. It should include your opinion or reaction to the material. For this course, the assignment is to write a research reaction paper focusing on the analysis of an empirical research article, you selected, concerning theories of personality.

II. What does the paper need to include?

First part of your research reaction paper includes a summary and discussion of the research article which contain the following areas: 1) topic area; 2) hypotheses; 3) research method; and 4) major results and finding. Your goal is to explain clearly and concisely what the article accomplished. Did it introduce new theory? Did it integrate several other theories?

Second part of your paper contains your thoughts and ideas which is the MOST IMPORTANT aspect of the paper since it is YOUR reaction to the specific article. In fact, majority of your paper should be focused on the summary which contains your critique of the research question and design, as well as how the research relates to other theories of personality. Additionally, your discussion must include the relationship of the research findings to your own life and personality development. In short, majority of your research reaction paper involves your comments, critique and discussion.

III. How do I Write a Reaction Paper?

1. General steps. Pull your thoughts together on what you read about the article and how it relates to your life and personality development.

2. Decide on your organization and format; the paper must be organized and references using APA style. The paper will be 10 pages long, doubled spaced (plus title page and reference pages). draft your reaction paper.

3. React to the ideas presented. Are they clear and suitable? Explain the ideas. Give examples of their application in the material presented, and compare and contrast the ideas with your own.

4. Discuss specific insights or facts you have learned or gained from reading the article. Discuss each insight or fact you have learned in a detailed paragraph, using direct examples from the material presented.

5. Analyze the material presented. What is its purpose? How does it go about achieving its goal?