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You don't integrate family systems theory into this analysis paper.
Where are all the concepts conveyed in the references listed below?

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fresh in his mind. He wants to be a pilot when he grows up and that is what he wishes to achieve. Her mother and family always encourages him to do what he can to achieve. In addition, Edward is very bright in real life and in class rooms as well. With a good head on his shoulders he will make us all very proud of him.

Jim and June have two kids too. They are Danielle who is seven years old and Jen who is six years old. Both are females. Danielle is the first born child of Jim and June. Although she may be thought as young, she seems to notice what is happening in their family. She has developed a fear for crowds and strangers and she is usually distracted in class. She has been doing very poorly in class and has tested for dyslexia. She has been counselled several times and there was good progress and improvement. Jen is 6 years old and she is a confidante to Danielle. They have become good friends managing stick together as sisters. They are like twins always staying together even in good and bad times. Most of the times they stay with their grandmother, which is my mother, as their father is working at a far off place. Our aim is to develop a great bond between the two and their father so that they don't feel lost in the divorce and incarceration of their mother.

The above genogram and description is of my family that is spanning for four generations. It indicates various characteristics that different individuals in our family possess. The characteristics that are involved in the genogram include the gender of the person, whether they are male or female. It also talks of the mental illness of the person and establishes whether a person has ever been involved in the criminal justice system. It also indicates whether a person has ever been a victim of child abuse or any other form of abuse. The abuse of a child leads to some form of behavior in him or her in the future. That is why it is important to define these events.

For Jim, he is a 37-year-old auto mechanic who has gone through a criminal justice system. He was married to June a 25 year old woman, to whom he is now divorced. The two went through a criminal justice system on different occasions. Jim learnt the auto mechanic skills from incarceration and he is now a reformed person. He has also been involved in substance and drug abuse. He went through child abuse under a nanny in their home and this could be the reason why he behaves so violently on the slightest provocation. With him being home for seven years now and going through the drug rehabilitation program, he is starting to get his life back. But since completing this assignment I have found out that my little cousin, Jim's daughter Danielle, who is in the fourth grade has been tested for dyslexia.

I am the second born in the family. I also faced abuse as a child under a family friend. I have never forgotten the ordeal and it was the worst experience so far in my life. I have however managed to pull out of it thanks to counselling. Unlike my brother, I am a go-getter who loves to network and build community with as many people as possible. Other attributes about me is that I love going to church. I also love swimming and hanging out with friends. Nowadays, I have developed a passion to pursue my dreams in life and I have decided to undertake a self-evaluation to learn my weak points so that I can improve on what can be improved⁶. But my role in the family is the counselor.

Michelle is 29 years old and is married to Eric. She has taken up the role of bringing up the family after my brother became mentally ill. Together, they sired two kids Beth and Edward. Michelle is a peace loving woman who is committed to doing her best to avoid life stressors. As my brother's wife, we socialize well and she is more like a sister to me. We share a lot in

⁶ Krasner-Khait, B. 2000. "Focusing Beneath the Surface: Genograms Add Insight to Family Research." *Ancestry* 28-31.

rich history which she does not share with her grandchildren. She loves going to church and maintains to stay active in it. She is a lover of charity and does what she can to inspire others. She is a source of inspiration to her children and grandchildren. Perhaps her hardworking nature was brought by the fact that her husband was mentally ill. This made her the breadwinner of the family and she had to work extra hard to raise the kids. The emotional attachment to her husband is also evident when she talks about her. One can tell, she loved him. In addition, she loves having a glass of red wine every night, she says it is the key to her long and successful life³.

Bill was Julia's husband. They married at the age of 25 years and had two kids, Peter and Liza. Liza is my mother. Bill served in the military which lead to his mental illness. My grandfather told me that he enlisted into the military because of his inability to read or write. He always told me "If I don't do anything else in life, get an education and never let anyone tell you, you can't". He became mentally ill at the age of 40, and thus was unable to support his family. My grandfather decided to take care of him and the kids though the earnings she had were little. She managed in the end. Bill died at the age of 56 leaving behind his wife and two children though at this time the children were well in their youth. Before his mental illness, he loved hanging out in the liquor joints where he said he loved to pass time⁴.

My Uncle Peter was their first born child, who was very high spirited, loved by many and questioned by all. Peter suffered from dyslexia, which we now know was inherited from his father, But that wasn't what was interesting about my uncle. He was an openly gay man that

³ Buttler, John. 2008. "The Family Diagram and Genogram: Comparisons and Contrasts." *Ameriacan Journal of Family Therapy* 169-180.

⁴ Friedman, H. 1998. "he Time-Line Genogram: Highlighting Temporal Aspects of Family Relationships." *Family Process* 293-303.

Our family is made of characters that possess different traits that define us. The traits shown in the genogram, are the main people who define our family and what has been happening to individuals. It dates back to our grandparents, parents, siblings and children. Some are deceased while others are living, married and divorced, some are mentally ill while most are normal. There are cases of drug and substance abuse among many other characteristics. The above genogram is a pictorial description of the family genogram that spans four generations. It indicates the social relationships, emotional relationships, family relationship among others within our family. In this genogram, I will describe how our family with various generations have been fairing in various issue such as going to church, socializing, mental illness marriage among others¹.

I will start with Sarah who was my grandmother. She is deceased now and was my father's mother. She was born in 1945 and I learned from my aunt that she was a clerk at the post office. Having a gait of about five feet, she was of a normal height like myself. She used to wear glasses and loved drinking African coffee. She was always dedicated to achieving her goals and loved being close to her family. Together with my grandfather, her husband whose name was Fred, they had my father. She had one child and he was my father. Her childhood was rather interesting as at the time it was mired with various activities that are hard to carry out today due

¹ Bahr, K. S. 1990. "Student Responses to genograms and family chronology." *Family Relations* 293-249.