**Psychology 18 Reflection Paper Guidelines**

For each segment in the reader (ie. Native American, Asian-American, etc.), you will 1) choose one idea that stands out to you and 2) share how this personally impacts you. Include title of article and author’s name in introductory paragraph. Write in essay format without numbering paragraphs or questions. Each paper is worth 20 points. Paper length: 1-2 pages. Paper format: Typed, 12 point font, double-spaced, 1 inch margins. Along with paper content, grammar, spelling, capitalization, punctuation and paper format will affect your grade. **LATE REFLECTION PAPERS WILL RECEIVE A MAXIMUM SCORE OF 12 POINTS (LETTER D GRADE).**

Please follow these general guidelines for your paper format:

Introductory Paragraph:

-Introduce article title and author

-Describe general idea of article

-Topic sentence: what you are going to address in the paper

2nd Paragraph:

-Choose one topic that stood out to you in the article

3rd Paragraph:

-Share why the topic stood out to you by providing personal examples and/or relevance

Conclusion Paragraph:

-Summarize what you discussed in the paper

-Mention potential future ideas or action plans

Grading Rubric

**20 points**: Includes introductory paragraph that specifies article’s title and author. Spelling and grammar are error-free. Paper format matches assignment. Address every question in assignment. Mention relevance of topic to your own life with personal examples. Ideas well thought out and expressed clearly on to paper. Demonstrate emotional and psychological contemplation. Have a conclusion that summarizes introduction and body paragraph(s).

**18 points –** Still clearly written paper and follows most of what is written above\*, but has minimal grammar, capitalization, punctuation, spelling and page set up errors. Either does not mention article title and author’s name and/or topic(s) could possibly be explored in slightly more depth with more personal relevance.

**16 points –** Overall strong paper. Ideas thought out and expressed well with some need of further clarity and expression. Might not address one of two questions in assignment, nor mention article title and author’s name. Possible frequent grammar, capitalization, punctuation, spelling and page set up errors.

**12 points-** Does not fulfill assignment adequately or late paper.

**0 points**- Does not address assignment.