

Paper 1 Topics and Grading Rubric

Due Date: September 20th by 11:00 PM

Choose one of the following topics, and write a 500-word paper on it. You must be sure to support your ideas with evidence from class (either the textbook or lecture).

Upload your paper here: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/MeXst0P8uDPEE4UxS8Xz>

1. Find an article from a news website or magazine (not a scientific journal) about a research study that is relevant to a topic we have discussed in class. Identify the primary research question and the main result. Discuss how the finding relates to something that we've covered in class. Is it consistent with what we've learned? If so, in what way? If it contradicts something we've learned, why do you think that is? *Include a link to the article in your paper.*
 - a. Note: the article must describe a specific study with methods and results, not a general topic or area of research.
2. Interview someone you know about their experience giving birth. Briefly describe the main features of their experience. What decisions did they have to make about childbirth? Which factors influenced those decisions? In what ways did their sociocultural context impact the birth experience? Use material from class to support your discussion. *Include the list of interview questions you used at the end of your paper.*
 - a. List of suggested interview questions: <https://tinyurl.com/y6d3n9wf>
3. Find a comic or funny greeting card that makes a joke about the physical changes that occur during puberty or aging. Briefly describe the joke. Which physical change is the focus? Using evidence from class, discuss whether the portrayal is accurate. Is it playing on any stereotypes or misconceptions? Does the change occur for everyone in the same way? If not, what factors influence how it occurs? *Include the comic or card in your paper.*

Requirements:

- Max length = 500 words (not including supplemental material in italics)
- Include your Course ID at the top; do **NOT** put your name anywhere in the document.
- Please submit your paper as a Word document (.doc or .docx). Do not submit a PDF.
- No citations or reference list are needed
 - You do not need to find any outside sources beyond the textbook and lecture material. You must be careful not to directly plagiarize anything directly from the textbook or your source material, but no formal citations are necessary. You can simply say something like “As our textbook says”.

Grading Rubric (5 pts)

1 point: Features of the source material are adequately described.

4 points: The material is evaluated appropriately using material from class to support the conclusions.

- **4 = Excellent.** Thoughtful and complete; mature understanding of information; good synthesis/analysis of information; shows intelligent/creative approach; draws from information learned in lecture and text; free of factual errors.
- **3 = Above average.** Good idea(s) presented, but may be somewhat underdeveloped; factually correct.
- **2 = Average.** Incomplete thoughts; lack of clarity or substance; factual errors or major logical flaws.
- **1 = Substandard/Minimal effort.** Did not follow directions; minimal effort evident; lacking substance and accuracy; otherwise irrelevant or inappropriate to the assignment.

Possible Deductions:

1 point: Chosen source material (article, interview questions, card/comic) is not appropriate for the assignment

.5 point: Necessary supplemental material (in italics) is not included

.5 point: Multiple errors in grammar or spelling

.5 point: Formatting and length requirements are not met