**Rubric for Case Study Paper**

Each student will be required to submit a case study on a violent criminal or criminals.  Emphasis should be on the background of the individuals studied and the criminal act(s) or the motivation(s) for the violent acts.

During the course, you will have learned that many theories on criminal behavior overlap, and that it is not uncommon for more than one theory to explain why the criminal act(s) occurred.   Your paper should apply these theories of criminal behavior to the subject's life history.  If you desire to do a fictional character or unsolved crime, please clear with the instructor.  Do not choose a political or military individual (Hitler, Stalin, Pol Pot, etc.).

**Rating:**

**Exceptional** corresponds to an  A (90-100). Performance is outstanding; significantly above the usual expectations.

**Proficient** corresponds to a grade of B (80-89%). Skills and standards are at the level of expectation.

**Basic** corresponds to a C  (70-79%). Skills and standards are acceptable but improvements are needed to meet expectations well.

**Novice** corresponds to a D (60-69%). Performance is weak; the skills or standards are not sufficiently demonstrated at this time.

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| **Criteria** | **Ratings** |
| **%** | **Novice** | **Basic** | **Proficient** | **Exceptional** |
| The paper clearly discussed the factors or influences that led to the violent crime(s).  | **25%** |   |   |   |   |
| The paper applied the appropriate criminal behavior theories to the individual(s) studied. (Opinion) | **15%** |   |   |   |   |
| The paper made a connection between the selected offense(s)/criminal(s) and the historical or social framework of the act(s). | **10%** |   |   |   |   |
| Grammar, spelling, and syntax were appropriate to the college level | **15%** |   |   |   |   |
| Typed in a double-spaced APA format with citations and references – **including in-text citations.   Length 8-11 pages.** | **20%** |   |   |   |   |
| The paper used an appropriate number of acceptable sources. Wikipedia is not an acceptable or reputable source.   (Minimum of **4 sources)** | **15%** |   |   |   |   |