

### Family Studies Perspective Paper

Students will write a 4-6 page paper in which a theory or framework is thoroughly and accurately explained and then used to analyze a narrative chosen from the assigned or supplemental readings. The narrative may be drawn from the student's own life experience or narratives from literature or media assigned by the instructor.

This purpose of this paper is to demonstrate familiarity with a theory or framework studied in the Family Studies Sophomore Inquiry course. Each student will also demonstrate an ability to apply those perspectives to a description of a contemporary family issue. This paper will also assess each student's writing ability including logical structure, complete transitions, voice, technical proficiency, and mastery of APA citation style.

| <b>Critical Application of Perspective</b>   |                        |                      |
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|  | <b>Points Possible</b> | <b>Points Earned</b> |
| <b>Organization and Flow</b>   |                        |                      |
| <i>Flow is logical and points go from one to the next helping the reader to follow the argument. Each new section of the paper uses transitional sentences to connect previous sections with new sections. Reader knows where they are going and is not confused. Components are recognizable (introduction, body, summary, and conclusion).</i> | 20                     |                      |
| <b>Understanding of Perspective (Theory or Conceptual Framework)</b>   |                        |                      |
| <i>Provide an accurate and clear description of the theory or framework used. What is its name, where did it come from, and what are the main essential components of the perspective?</i>   | 20                     |                      |
| <b>Family Example</b>  |                        |                      |
| <i>Provide an overview of the entire family example so that unfamiliar readers have a context with relevant details of the example made very clear. The source of the example is to be cited and referenced.</i>   | 10                     |                      |
| <b>Application and Justification</b>   |                        |                      |
| <i>Provide an organized application of the theory to the family example and interpret the application for the reader.</i>  | 20                     |                      |
| <b>Technical</b>   |                        |                      |
| <b>APA</b>   |                        |                      |
| <i>APA structure/grammar errors are insignificant and do not interfere with paper's overall readability</i>  | 10                     |                      |
| <b>Sentence Structure/Grammar/Spelling</b>   |                        |                      |
| <i>Sentence structure/grammar errors are insignificant and do not interfere with paper's overall readability.</i>  | 10                     |                      |
| <b>Voice</b>   |                        |                      |
| <i>Tone of writing has obvious passion and personality.</i>  | 10                     |                      |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>100pts</b>          |                      |