Critical essay

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| **Description/Focus:** | Critical Essay on a Personality Concept (**Psychoanalysis - the therapy**) |
| **Length:** | 1500 words, not including the references. |
| **Task:** | Select one personality psychology concept, conduct an extensive literature review, and write a critical essay in APA-Style. Topic chosen is **Psychoanalysis - the therapy** |
| **Preparation:** | Follow these steps in your preparation:   1. Select one concept of interest to you from the unit materials 2. Conduct a wide-scope literature search and familiarise yourself with the issues related to this personality concept. 3. Now go back and reflect on the materials you have read and form a main argument for the essay. 4. Describe the concept, its meaning and origins, and what were some of the contributions of this concept to personality psychology, to the wider discipline of psychology, and (if relevant) to the betterment of people in general. 5. Make sure to take a critical approach to the topic and include your own opinions.   **Note**: being critical does not necessarily mean taking a negative approach to the concept, the issues and the literature. For example, a simple critique will include comments on the strengths, or what worked well with this personality concept, and then on the limitations, or what can be improved in this concept.  If you add your own original critique, make sure it is identified as such as you write.   1. Write the essay, in APA-style format (see below). |
| **Presentation:** | The essay needs to be written in APA-style and include the following:   1. An APA-style title page. 2. Abstract: on a separate page.   ------------------------------------------------------------------------------------   1. Introduction. 2. Essay body, including the main argument and an integrative literature review which should include **at least 12** peer-reviewed, scholarly psychology articles. 3. Conclusion.   (Note: The above three sections should be written in **one continuous flow**, without the above headings. You can use sub-headings relevant to your topic, if you wish). |
| **Assessment criteria:** | |  |  | | --- | --- | | Presentation and Clarity of Writing | 10% | | Abstract | 5% | | Essay’s Content | 30% | | Scope and Depth of Literature Review | 30% | | Critique | 10% | | Innovation | 5% | | APA style, citations and references | 10% | |