

9.00 - INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY

Assignment Three: Revision and Expansion

Task 3.1 – Find out what your TA wants from you.

In this assignment, you will revise and expand your second paper. Your TA will hand back your paper with suggestions for revision and with, at least one question pointing the way to an extension of the paper.

3.1 To complete this task, you need to get your paper back from your TA.

Task 3.2 – Assemble your sources (again).

The revised paper must make use of at least two primary sources beyond the original source of the news article. If you are lucky, the bibliography that you assembled as part of Assignment Two will serve you well. If not, well, at least you now know how to go looking for material in the real and virtual library.

3.2 To complete this task, you must send your TA a new bibliography showing that you have found the sources for the revised paper.

Task 3.3 - Write the revised paper.

Here are the requirements for this paper:

1. Length ~ 8 pages (~2500 words).
2. In the revised paper, be sure to correct the problems that your TA identified.
3. You must also expand the paper to include material from two primary sources beyond the source of the original article. What does this add to the story? Does everyone agree? Have you uncovered a debate in the field? Does the new material change your view of the news story?
4. Be sure to cite the new material appropriately in the text. That is, when you are using someone else's facts or ideas, reference them (Perlman, 2002) and be sure to list all of your sources in a bibliography at the end of the paper.
Perlman, L (2002) Perls before swine. *J. of Gud Righting*, 2, 254-262
(You can use the format in the Gleitman text or anything else that gives all the relevant details.)

NOTE: If you want help with the revision of this paper you can talk to your TA and/or to the Writing Center. The writing tutors are Mary Caulfield and Shariann Lewitt. To request an appointment with one of the tutors, send an email at least 48 hours in advance of your desired meeting time. If your TA was unhappy with the writing of the first version of the paper it would be A Really Good Idea to seek some help. That is the purpose of an assignment that can be revised.

3.3 To complete this task, you must deliver your paper to Your TA.

Task 3.4 – Write the “cover letter”.

When you write a paper for publication in a journal like the ones you have been reading for this assignment, the first version will generally come back from the editor with a long letter requesting a variety of changes. To get the paper published, you must satisfy the editor. So, you revise the paper AND you write a letter explaining your revisions. The last part of this assignment is to write that letter. Describe what you have changed in the revised paper. Briefly explain how you have answered the questions raised by your TA. If you disagreed with a suggestion, you can say that too but remember, here and in your later life, that your job, in this case, is to make the reviewer/editor/TA happy. Your cover letter should be about a page long (unless you made lots of changes.) It does not need to be in a very formal style. It just needs to

guide the reader and persuade the reader that you were listening to the prior round of comments.

3.4 To complete this task, you must deliver your letter to Your TA at the same time as you deliver your paper.