Kolb’s Paper

Your paper should focus on one main concept (Chapter) but may include aspects of that concept, very similar to what I did in class as a demonstration. Sample concepts would be: Identity and Self, Emotions, Self Disclosure, Conflict, etc. In other words, pick a concept broad enough so that you will have enough material to draw from. Pick your concept early so you can start thinking about your paper. Your paper should be structured like this:

Jane Doe

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Kolb’s Learning Cycle Paper

Concept: Emotions

Concrete Experience

Here is where you will discuss a situation where you had trouble controlling your emotions or any other scenario dealing with emotions (because it’s the concept I chose in this example). Your description should be a paragraph or two.

Reflective Observation

Here you are going to describe the process you went through after the incident. What kinds of questions/thoughts went through your head? Did you attempt to analyze the experience? If so, describe. About a paragraph or two.

Abstract Conceptualization

This is the “beef” of the paper. Here you will use the text to provide a theoretical analysis of what you experienced. You will tie in your concept and describe in academic terms what you experienced based on the text. You will go into more detail in your analysis by breaking down the concept further. For example, for emotions here you would analyze your experience based on gender, personality, cognitive interpretations, physiological factors, etc. This portion is written in a more formal tone. This section will be about four to six ***generous*** paragraphs. I am looking to make sure you fully explicate the concept using as much as the chapter as you can to apply to your situation and demonstrate your understanding.

Active Experimentation

Here you describe what you would do based on what you know now if you find yourself in the same situation in the future. This can be an actual experimentation you did, or what you think you will do based on your new understanding of the situation based on the reading. This will be about a paragraph or two.

Use the same format I have here. You do not have to cite the book as your source. I do want a well written paper, grammatically correct, and carefully proofread. I am not an English instructor so if writing is a challenge for you, please visit the writing lab on campus or ask a team mate to look over your paper. The paper must be submitted no later than midnight, May 9, 2016 THROUGH BLACKBOARD. You may submit your paper early if you would like. Late papers will not be accepted.