Reaction Paper to Identity Thief

In this activity, students are required to watch **Identity Thief**. The movie depicts various forms of cybercrime, but primarily focuses on identity theft (obviously! ☺). In order to be successful in this assignment, students are required to *apply* this week's readings to the film in order to answer the following questions:

(1) Describe the types of identity theft displayed in the film. Support your answer with information from readings and discussions.

(2) Describe the method utilized by the cybercriminal to steal the main character's identity. Support your answer with information from readings and discussions.

(3) Compare the victim and perpetrator characteristics to what is actually known about victims and perpetrators of Cyberfraud and identity theft. Barring the obvious comedic nature of the film, how does this depiction align with what is known about victims of Cyberfraud and identity theft?

(4) Finally, students are required to <u>apply a theoretical perspective discussed in their readings to these events</u>. In other words, what theoretical perspective "fits best" with what is going on in the selected film (i.e. Social Learning Theory, Deterrence, Self-Control Theory, etc.)? In your discussion, ensure you clearly show how the theory applies to the film by describing all the relevant components of whichever perspective you select.

Papers should be formatted according to the following guidelines. **Papers not formatted according to these guidelines will lose points!**
- 12-point font (Times New Roman or Arial)
- Single-spaced
- At least one page in length, but must not exceed two (a "reference" page does not count towards your page limit). Remember, it is quality – not quantity!
- Proofread and well-constructed