**Writing Assignment/ Lab #2 GRADING RUBRIC [10% towards your total grade]**

**Requirements:**

Essay content **in your own words**: **500 word minimum** – NOT including headings, titles, identifying information or any quoted material or references. (hint: it is usually the case that papers turned in with just the minimum amount of words tend to have many inadequacies; the minimum word count should serve as a benchmark for comparison, not as a goal to be closely met) [1 points]

**Both the first part and second part of your paper should be** **clearly labeled** (to do this use a heading like **Part 1, Part 2**) [1 points],

Paper Part 1: A first part of your paper should be free from “I” statements or opinion [1 points], and provide **definition** of “culture” or “learned tradition” [1points] that explains existing data and theories addressing questions like:

* What evidence has been provided for non-human primate culture or traditions? To earn points for this you need to review specific details of the cultural behavior (not just generalizations) found in original peer-reviewed articles reporting the information first hand (i.e. not citing other articles).
  + Give specific details from specific studies about how non-human primate cultures and traditions develop and spread? [1 points]
  + Give specific details from specific studies about how non-human primate cultures and traditions are maintained? [1 points]

Paper Part 2: A second part of your paper provides an evaluation and your opinion explaining

* Whether you think we have reliable information from observations of non-human primate culture and why you think this [1 points],
* Whether you find the theories of how culture and traditions develop to be logically sound and supported by evidence. (Important: Be clear in explaining exactly how the evidence you reviewed in part 1 does or does not support the theories development, spread, and maintenance you discuss – if you have not reviewed the details of evidence that was provided by original sources, you cannot form an evaluation) [1 points],

You should provide some additional discussion and conclusion (that you have freedom to choose), e.g. In your mind, does culture and learned tradition require some special abilities or social structures that only few primates have, or should we expect to find evidence of culture among most primates(?). [1 points].

Cite the primary source for information that is not commonly known. With a few exceptions, primary sources should be authors of publications in peer-reviewed journals. You are required to cite and reference at least one peer-reviewed journal article. Direct quotations are discouraged – put things in your own words. In-text parenthetical citations (e.g., Darwin, 1859) and American Psychological Association (APA) style references required for all citations (whether internet pages, journal articles, books, edited volumes, or other media) should be provided in a labeled **Reference** section. You are expected to read beyond the textbook and lectures while conducting literature research for this project. [1 points].

Summary of 10 possible points:

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| Requirement | Possible | Earned |
| Original word count >= 500 | 1.00 |  |
| part 1 & 2 labeled | 1.00 |  |
| part 1 No “I” or opinion | 1.00 |  |
| definition of “culture” or “learned tradition” | 1.00 |  |
| Specific evidence for non-human primate culture: Detailed example of how cultures and traditions develop and spread | 1.00 |  |
| Specific evidence for non-human primate culture: Detailed example of how cultures and traditions are maintained | 1.00 |  |
| Explanation of whether you think observations of non-human primate culture are reliable. | 1.00 |  |
| Explanation of whether you find the theories of how non-human primate culture and traditions develop to be logically sound and supported by evidence. (Explain how evidence does or does not support theories) | 1.00 |  |
| extended discussion & conclusion | 1.00 |  |
| in-text parenthetical citation and APA reference section with at least 1 peer-reviewed journal article that is a primary source. | 1.00 |  |
| **TOTAL** | 10.00 |  |