

# Emotion

## *Reaction Paper 1*

For this reaction paper, you will focus on one of the following readings: KO&J Ch 1, **Approaches to Understanding Emotion**, KO&J Ch 2, **Evolution of Emotion**, or KO&J Ch 3, **Cultural Understanding of Emotions**. As you might expect in light of this being called a “reaction” paper, your goal is to highlight your reaction to the assigned reading. In other words, what ideas relayed in the reading grabbed, bothered, or puzzled you? What do you agree with or disagree with and why? A successful reaction paper will follow six important guidelines:

1. Your paper should *summarize relevant points* made in the assigned reading. This should take up no more than one paragraph.
2. Your paper should go beyond summarizing to *make a point*. Tell your reader what point you will make in the *first paragraph*. Then, in the remainder of the paper, give the reader the evidence you’re drawing on in support of this point. I **strongly** recommend checking out <http://leo.stcloudstate.edu/acadwrite/reaction.html>.
3. *Back up your claims* with evidence based on published scholarship, logical arguments, and/or compelling examples from other sources (literature, film, media, etc.). You could even take a hands-on approach to gathering evidence (e.g., interview people on the street or students in your dorm, conduct a systematic observation of how people behave in public, hand out a questionnaire to your fellow students at the beginning of class, or analyze archival data).
4. With respect to scholarly evidence, your reaction paper must *incorporate information learned from at least one article outside of the assigned reading*. This should be a review or empirical article published in a scholarly journal (i.e., not a book chapter or an article in *Psychology Today*). The article you choose to incorporate should help you support the main point of your paper. PsycINFO would be a good place to find this material (google Tisch library psycinfo).
5. Indicate your word count at the top of the first page. Your paper should be 550-700 words. **Do not dip below 550 words or exceed 700 words by more than 10 words.**
6. When you refer to ideas that are not yours, cite your source in the body of your paper. Provide a full reference for each of your sources in a References list on the last page. You do not need to include the KO&J textbook in your references.

Please create your RP in Word or some other word processing program and then submit it to Turnitin.com.

**Reaction Paper 1 is due on Fri, Sep 25 by 11:59pm on <http://turnitin.com>.** It is worth 20 points and will be scored with both quality of thought (logic, creativity, evidence) and quality of writing (grammar, spelling, flow) in mind.