

Profile Paper
Due Date: 12/04/2020

The Profile Paper aims to assess your ability to critically and creatively apply course content to describe the personality of a fictional character of your choosing. I suggest that you choose either a villain (e.g., Wicked Witch of the West; Emperor Palpatine; Dolores Umbridge) or an antihero (e.g., Harley Quinn; Walter White; Selina Meyer) to ensure your character of interest exhibits sufficient levels of the dark personality traits. I also suggest you focus on only one portrayal of a character (e.g., Loki from the movie *Thor: Ragnarok*) rather than every portrayal of the character that has ever existed (e.g., Loki from Marvel movies and Loki from Norse mythology). You may choose to focus on the character's personality development across their lifespan, their current state, or a specific aspect of their personality.

The paper should be 8-12 double-spaced pages in length, excluding the title page and references, with Times New Roman 12-point font and 1-inch margins. You must include at least 8 references to peer-reviewed journal articles and at least 4 of those references must be readings that were not assigned in class. The articles should be cited using APA style, and the paper should be formatted according to APA guidelines. However, you do not need to include an abstract. If you would like more information on APA formatting, I would highly recommend consulting Purdue University's [APA Guide](#).

The paper will be graded for (a) content and for (b) style, mechanics, and formatting.

With respect to the content, the paper will be graded for the accuracy, thoroughness, and thoughtfulness with which you analyze the character's personality. For example, do you describe theories accurately and in appropriate detail? Do you support your claims with appropriate and sufficient biographical evidence? Do you exhibit thoughtful, independent thinking? Do you provide new ways of thinking about the theories and/or characters? Do you describe the strengths and limitations of the theories?

Concerning style, mechanics, and formatting, you will essentially be graded for how well the paper is written. For example, does your paper contain a clear statement of purpose or objectives? Is your writing clear, concise, and easily understood, with appropriate word choice and university-level academic tone? Is your paper well organized, characterized by effective transitions between ideas? Are sources of information paraphrased appropriately and integrated effectively into your writing (e.g., listing of abstracts is avoided)? Are there errors in punctuation, grammar, or spelling? Does your paper conform to the formatting requirements? Are sources of information cited according to APA guidelines?

If you have any questions or concerns about the paper, I would be happy to talk through it with you by email (ckay@uoregon.edu) or via Zoom/Skype!

Note. This assignment was adapted from an assignment designed by Sunaina Assanand (2017) at the University of British Columbia.