

PSYC 2145: Synthesis Essay

Student Name: _____

Possible points for each category. (Total possible points: 24)

CATEGORY	54	46
Sources (Content)	All sources are credible and cited correctly. At least two sources from class and one outside source are included.	All sources are credible, though some are not cited correctly. At least two sources from class and one outside source are included.
Writing	All sentences are well constructed with varied structure. No grammatical or spelling errors distract from ideas presented in the essay.	All sentences are well constructed, though the structure is not varied and/or some grammatical or spelling errors distract from ideas presented in the essay.
Accuracy of Facts (Content)	All supportive facts are reported accurately.	Most supportive facts are reported accurately.
Support for Topic (Content)	Relevant, telling, quality details give the reader important information supporting the main argument(s) of the essay. Citations are always present when necessary.	Relevant, telling, quality details give the reader important information supporting the main argument(s) of the essay. Points that should be supported by citations are not.
Information Synthesis	Information from all cited sources is integrated accurately and creatively.	Information from all cited sources is integrated creatively with some degree of misunderstanding.

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38	29
All sources are credible. Sources come either from class or outside of class, but not both.	Less than credible (suspect) sources are used and/or at least one source is omitted.
Some sentences are not well constructed and/or numerous grammatical or spelling errors distract from ideas presented in the essay.	Some sentences lack structure and appear incomplete or rambling.
Fundamental misunderstandings of facts are evident in the essay.	NO facts are reported OR numerous fundamental misunderstandings of facts are evident in the essay.
Most supporting details and information are relevant, but one key point is unsupported.	Supporting details and information are typically unclear or not related to the topic. Citations are not included in the text.
Information from all cited sources is integrated accurately, but the integrated ideas are offered in one of the sources.	Information presented does not represent the synthesis of information offered in sources cited.