*Mindset* Assignment Description – CS 1050 – Mr. Kramer

Purpose Improve your chances for success in this course and in life.

Points 50

Content A book report on Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 7 of *Mindset, The New Psychology of Success*, by Carol S. Dweck, Ph.D. Your 2-3 page paper (no more, no less) should cover at least these items:

• 1-2 paragraphs on the difference between a fixed mindset and a growth mindset

• 2-3 pages on the key points of the first three chapters

• 1-2 paragraphs on the impact the book had on you

Clearly identify where each of these three sections begins.

Format Microsoft Word format, .doc or .docx. No other format is accepted.

Per the MLA Writing Standards, the one commonly in use at Metro State.

Please see the next page for a summary of the MLA standards to use.

Length: 2-3 double-spaced pages (where a page is defined by the MLA standards)

Due Date The book report is due by 11:59 pm, Thursday, July 7, 2016. Submissions are only by email, not paper copy, to [kramerd@msudenver.edu](mailto:kramerd@msudenver.edu).The name of the file should be YourName\_S\_Mindset.docx (or .doc), where “S” is your section number.

Grading The grading is as follows:

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| **#** | **Book Report Component** | **%** |
| 1 | Originality, content, readability and how compelling your story is | 70% |
| 2 | Adherence to the content description (i.e., is the report complete?) | 20% |
| 3 | Presentation (including use of writing standards and grammar) | 10% |
|  | TOTAL | 100% |

How to Start Be the first to take out your local library’s copy of *Mindset*!

**About the Book** (Source: Amazon.com)

[Dr.] Dweck explains why it’s not just our abilities and talent that bring us success—but whether we approach them with a fixed or growth mindset. She makes clear why praising intelligence and ability doesn’t foster self-esteem and lead to accomplishment, but may actually jeopardize success. With the right mindset, we can motivate our kids and help them to raise their grades, as well as reach our own goals—personal and professional. Dweck reveals what all great parents, teachers, CEOs, and athletes already know: how a simple idea about the brain can create a love of learning and a resilience that is the basis of great accomplishment in every area.

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## MLA Formatting and Style Guide, summarized from Purdue University, URL <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>

### General Format

Writers who properly use MLA also build their credibility by demonstrating accountability to their source material. Most importantly, the use of MLA style can protect writers from accusations of plagiarism, which is the purposeful or accidental uncredited use of source material by other writers.

#### General Guidelines

* Type your paper on a computer and print it out on standard, white 8.5 x 11-inch paper.
* Double-space the text of your paper, and use a Times New Roman font, 12 pt.
* Set the margins of your document to 1 inch on all sides.
* Indent the first line of paragraphs one half-inch from the left margin using the tab key
* Create a header that numbers all pages consecutively in the upper right-hand corner, one-half inch from the top and flush with the right margin.

***Formatting the First Page of Your Paper***

* Do not make a title page for your paper.
* In the upper left-hand corner of the first page, list your name, your instructor's name, the course, and the date.
* Double space again and center the title. Do not underline, italicize, or place your title in quotation marks; write the title in Title Case (standard capitalization), not in all capital letters.
* Create a header in the upper right-hand corner that includes your last name, followed by a space with a page number: 1, 2, …

***Here is a sample of the first page of a paper in MLA style:***

