Southern New Hampshire University

PSY 310 Topic Selection Journal Guidelines and Rubric

Overview: Journal activities in this course are private between you and the instructor. In order to complete this assignment, you will need to review the Final Project Guidelines and Rubric document and case scenarios.

This journal assignment will provide you with the opportunity to select a topic for your final project assignment.

Prompt: Select a case from the three scenarios provided to guide your final project assignment.

1. White Collar Crime (Plain Text Version)
2. Serial Murderer (Plain Text Version)
3. Domestic Terror (Plain Text Version)

Specifically, the following **critical elements** must be addressed:

I. **Topic Selection:** Describe why you selected the chosen scenario.
II. **Crime Type:** Identify the type of crime represented in your chosen scenario.
III. **Motivational Factors:** Analyze the individual's motivation for committing the crime.

Rubric

Guidelines for Submission: Submit assignment as a Word document with double spacing, 12-point Times New Roman font, and one-inch margins.

Critical Elements	Exemplary (100%)	Proficient (85%)	Needs Improvement (55%)	Not Evident (0%)	Value
Topic Selection	Describes why the chosen scenario was selected and includes specific details to support reasoning	Describes why the chosen scenario was selected	Insufficiently describes why the chosen scenario was selected	Does not describe why the chosen scenario was selected	25
Crime Type	Identifies the type of crime represented in the chosen scenario using examples from the scenario to support rationale	Identifies the type of crime represented in the chosen scenario	Minimally identifies the type of crime represented in the chosen scenario	Does not identify the type of crime represented in the chosen scenario	25
Motivational Factors	Analyzes the individual's motivation for committing the crime using specific pieces of evidence to support claim	Analyzes the individual's motivation for committing the crime	Analysis of the individual's motivation for committing the crime is lacking in detail or accuracy	Analysis of the individual's motivation for committing the crime is not evident	25

Articulation of Response	Journal assignment is free of errors in organization and grammar	Journal assignment is mostly free of errors of organization and grammar; errors are marginal and rarely interrupt the flow	Journal assignment contains errors of organization and grammar but these are limited enough so that assignment can be understood	Journal assignment contains errors of organization and grammar making the journal difficult to understand	25
				Total	**100%**