

Exercise #2 - Mismeasure of Man Essay

Psyc 402 - Fall 2014 - Dr. Diehr

Due Mon Sep 15th at beginning of class for full credit (10 points)

Readings:

- Gould, S. (1996) The Mismeasure of Man. Chapter 1 and 2 : <http://courses.csusm.edu/psyc402md/readings/>

Essay

Write an essay in APA format, which addresses the following topics:

- Gould believes that Morton's experiment, in which he measured the cranial volume of skulls from different races and ranked them by intelligence, was deeply flawed. Gould claims several possible errors that Morton made. (1) Pick the one error you think was most important and explain how and why it happened. (2) Provide one counter-argument which suggests Morton may not have been entirely to blame.

Quotations & References

For both topic 1 and 2 you should include at least 1 direct quote from the Gould readings, properly referenced in APA format by page number. At the end of the paper include an APA-format *References* section.

Academic Honesty

You are free to talk with your fellow classmates about this assignment. However, all writing must be in your own words. On this assignment, be careful to avoid the "close paraphrase" in which you reflect another author's words in a way that is too similar to the original and crosses the line into plagiarism. For examples see:

http://writing.wisc.edu/Handbook/QPA_paraphrase.html

Grading

This assignment will be graded on the quality of your writing, the clarity of your arguments, and ability to follow APA style guidelines.

Turning it in

Please bring your printed assignment to class. No email submissions accepted.

Format & Length

Double spaced. 250 words (about 1 page). A little over or a little under length is OK. Please do not use double-sided printing, but to save paper you may include your *Header*, *Essay*, and *References* sections on the same page.

Please use the following *Header* on the first page:

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