

Baby Project

General Information

Course: Psychology

Chapter: eleven

Assigned: Monday, May 9

Due: Wednesday, June 1

Points: 30

Group Size: one girl and one boy

Format: informal journal

Summary: Take care of a "child" for his or her first years of life, and keep a diary of events in the child's life that illustrate stages of development.

Bonus: For up to +30%, keep a baby book of photos and memorabilia of your child growing up.

Directions

1. The sex of your child will be randomly assigned this week.
2. If you are female, be pregnant one day next week with a doll or stuffed animal. Write one or more diary entries about your pregnancy.
3. Give birth.
4. The following day, your baby grows from 0 to 12 months old. Write one or more diary entries about things that happen in your baby's life. Use examples illustrating age-appropriate stages of development, but avoid explicitly stating so or using textbook examples.
5. The day after that, your baby is one year old. Write one or more additional diary entries as discussed above.
6. The day after that, your baby is two years old, and so forth. Continue writing one or more diary entries per year of your baby's life through age four or five.

Scoring

[A] Your diary uses novel situations free of jargon to accurately represent the stage theories discussed in the chapter.

- 10 Your diary entries are psychologically accurate, are not directly based on previous examples, and are written as if by a parent rather than a psychologist.
- 8-9 Your entries are fairly realistic and original.
- 5-7 Some of your entries have questionable realism or are unoriginal.
- 1-4 Many of your entries have questionable realism or are unoriginal.

[X] All steps are completed.

- 10 All stated directions are followed.
- 1-9 One or more aspects of the project is omitted or incomplete.

[Y] The final product is polished and professional.

- 10 The paper is typed, reasonably formatted, stapled or bound, and easy to read.
- 1-9 Not all of the above requirements are met.