

Assignment Guidance

Overview

- ▶ Outline and critically discuss John Bowlby's perspective on Attachment Theory.
- ▶ 2500 word essay
- ▶ Due in: 4th December 2017
- ▶ Return date: 8th January.

Submission Details

- ▶ If you submit your work after the deadline, but within a week of the submission date you will be capped at 40%.
- ▶ If you submit your work a week after the submission date you will get a 0.
- ▶ Lecturers are no longer allowed to give extensions. You do need to request this via the academic office. The link is available within the Undergraduate Student Guide.
- ▶ All grades are subject to decisions made at the Examination Board. All marks are provisional.

Take a closer look at the Learning Outcomes and Assessment Criteria

- ▶ In the Assessment Form you will see the following sections:
 - ▶ Learning Outcomes
 - ▶ Feedback on Structure, Application and Evidence etc
 - ▶ At the end of the form: Common Assessment Marking Criteria.
- ▶ Pay attention to all of these sections as this is what you will be marked on.
- ▶ Assessment can be found on Moodle, in Counselling Theories and Human Flourishing
- ▶ [Assessment 1](#)

The Essay

- ▶ **Outline** and critically discuss John Bowlby's perspective on Attachment Theory.
- ▶ Outline: **Summarise** Bowlby's theory of attachment. Don't get too descriptive as the overall aim of the essay is a critical discussion. An overall summary of attachment theory will be sufficient.

The Essay

- ▶ Outline and **critically discuss** John Bowlby's perspective on Attachment Theory.
- ▶ **Critically discuss**. So this is where your ability to critique theory comes in. We are not looking at a criticism, but a critique. For example, what are the strengths and limitations of the theory?
- ▶ At this point you need to start looking for journal articles that discuss Bowlby's theory of attachment.
- ▶ Look for theory that supports both sides of the discussion. Evidence that supports your writing.

The Essay

- ▶ Outline and critically discuss John Bowlby's perspective on Attachment Theory.
- ▶ Pay attention to the underlined section. It is John Bowlby's perspective. He was one of the founders of the development of attachment theory yet faced some severe criticism about the theory from his peers. He also experienced a lot of support, so see if you can really explore this within your paper.

Structure

- ▶ It's a 2500 word essay. As a guide this might help:
- ▶ 250 words for the introduction (10%)
- ▶ 250-300 for your conclusion (10-15%)
- ▶ This means that you have around 2000 words for your main body.
- ▶ Within this you might be able to discuss 3-4 points thoroughly, with good supporting evidence. Which would mean about 500 words per point.
- ▶ This is only a quick rough guide, but it might be useful.

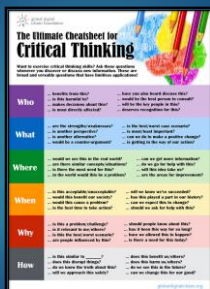
References

- ▶ Harvard Referencing. Please print out and USE the Harvard referencing guide that is available on the Programme page.
- ▶ Please use full quotations sparingly. As a guide this would be up to 2 quotes per page. Further guidance is offered within the School Harvard Reference guide.
- ▶ Articles and Books are acceptable. Please use more recent evidence as much as possible.
- ▶ Use the internet sparingly, as it is not always reliable.
- ▶ Please include a reference list at the end of your work.

Reference List

- ▶ A bibliography is not necessary.
- ▶ Note: A reference list is the books and articles you have used and referred to within the essay. The bibliography is the list of books and articles you have used as you have researched your work, but you may not have used these texts within your essay.

Resources and Study Tips:



This may be useful as you develop your discussions within an academic assignment.

Mind Maps

- ▶ Once you have had a good look around the theory for your essay it can be really helpful to do a mind map.
- ▶ There is some free software available on line that can help you do this, or you can write out your own.
- ▶ There is also a book available: 'Mindmaps for Dummies' which you may find useful.

Colour Coding

- ▶ Colour coding your themes can be really helpful. When you are reading, using different textbooks and articles it can get confusing. If you colour code, using post its it can help you to find the themes again.
- ▶ Remember to put a key to your colours somewhere helpful so that you don't forget!