

# Parenting 101 Discussion

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## Week 7 Deadlines

- A completed discussion must be submitted in the Dropbox by *11:59pm Friday*.
- Post your discussion in the forum by *11:59pm Friday*.
- Post a response to one other person's discussion (above your post) by *11:59pm Sunday*

## Dropbox Submission Requirements

- Rich Text Format (RTF), Word (DOC or DOCX), or Portable Document File (PDF)
- Minimum of 500 words (not including citations or instructions).
- Must include 2-3 sources (textbook should be 1 source + 2 others) and use APA style citations.

## Instructions

This week you have learned a lot about development and now it's time to apply some of the theories that you learned about. Be sure to carefully follow the instructions below.

## Dropbox Submission Questions

### **Parenting Advice**

Choosing either infancy, childhood, or adolescence, apply what you've learned about cognitive and social development and **construct 3 pieces of advice for parents**. Each piece of advice should be clearly stated and then explained in the context of the theories you learned about this week. Use the format below:

**Parenting Advice #1 – describe your advice in a clear but concise statement.** Then provide a clear justification as to how this is consistent with developmental theory.

### **Personal Advice**

What have you learned about adulthood (young, middle, or late adulthood) that has changed your perceptions of aging? Apply what you've learned about cognitive and social development throughout adulthood and using the same format as above, **construct 3 pieces of advice for yourself OR other aging adults**. This advice may come from misperceptions you may have had about aging OR if you had no misperceptions, they may be derived from the most important or interesting things that you have learned about development in adulthood. Use the format below:

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## Discussion Post

Choose either your personal or parenting advice and post it in the discussion to share with your peers. Be sure that you explain why you chose this advice and that you use APA style citations to cite the evidence that supports your advice.

Also post a one paragraph summary of the conclusions you came to after completing this week's lesson and discussion activities.

## Discussion Response

If you posted parenting advice, then find a student who posted personal advice. If you posted personal advice, find a student who posted parenting advice. Read and evaluate their advice – is it accurate? Did they provide objective evidence that their advice would be effective? What did you learn about development that would also support, or contradict, their evidence? I will be looking for your application of the concepts and theories from this week's lesson.

Also write a one paragraph summary of the conclusions you came to after reading this person's advice, as it supports, compliments, or contradicts what you've learned about development.

## APA Format

Students are expected to submit original work, which means that no more than 10% of the project should be quoted (or copied) material. In addition students are expected to use APA in-text citations as well as provide an APA Reference Page at the end. Information about APA format and plagiarism are posted in the Weekly Schedule. Failure to appropriately cite sources in this project may lead to an automatic ZERO score.

## Tips to Maximize Points

**Apply concepts and theories.** Anytime you are asked to post an analysis you will be scored on your demonstrated understanding of the concepts you've learned as they relate to the topics you are discussing. Therefore to maximize points you should discuss concepts that were presented in the lesson(s) and apply them clearly when answering posted discussion questions. You are not expected to apply all of the concepts but you will be scored on how well you explain the ones that you do choose to apply in this project.

**Stay actively engaged.** You should be sure to pick topics that you find interested because you will feel compelled to engage in discussion with your group. If you are regularly participating in the process you will be creating opportunities to earn points by applying the concepts and theories you are learning about. There is no formula for how many times you have to post, however you are expected to post a minimum of 2 times.

**Pay attention to project deadlines.** If you miss a deadline you will not receive credit for that requirement.

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### Penalties

Students will receive no credit for the following actions:

- Did not use APA citations = no credit
- Cannot open submission in the Dropbox = no credit
- Submission is less than 500 words (citations and instructions not included) = no credit
- Plagiarism = no credit and reported to the Dean
- More than 20% quoted information = no credit
- Did not use APA in-text or full citations = -5 points
- No submission in the Dropbox = -5 points
- Late submission in the Dropbox = -3 points
- Exceeds the 10% quotation maximum = -1 point per percentage, up to 20%.