

Developmental Psych-Final Project

Human Growth concepts are seen in everyday life, however, people rarely take a time out to examine those factors. For your final project you will conduct an experiment or observation, analyzing one of the concepts discussed during the semester. This will be done in a group where there will be one lab report handed in and one group presentation. This final project is worth 250 points of your final grade. This will be due your final week of class.

As a group, you will need to:

1. Pick your research question
2. Develop your hypothesis
3. Supply a brief summary of the background of your topic (i.e. if you do something on colors, than the general psychological topic would be perception or sensation). In other words, why would your question be important to the world of psychology? Has your question or experiment been completed before? What is the current research on this topic? Make sure to include psychological principles and concepts that relates to your project.
4. You must provide detailed information about your experiment methodology (type, sample size, variables, etc.).
5. You will be working in a group for the entire project, handing in one final lab report and giving one final presentation together. If in any way you have a falling out with a group member/s, de-friend or unfollow one of your group members on social media, and/or break-up with one of your group members you still have to work together. The real world is tough and you have to work with people you may or may not like; leave your drama at the door.
6. "Test" your question. When performing your observations, we will be working with 2nd graders and you have to make sure you are not allowing interactions UNLESS it is required for your project. Make sure you document the methodology process; it will be an integral part of your lab report.
7. Gather your results, analyze your data, draw conclusions and create your lab report/presentation. Presentations should last 7-10 minutes in length and, be prepared, Ms.Taylor will be asking questions.

Additional Information

This project will require you to work in groups to determine the cognitive, socioemotional, and biological developments seen in a certain life stage of development. As a group, you will have to determine the research questions, hypothesis, division of labor, and any other questions that arise. PLEASE ASK ME IF YOU ARE CONFUSED OR NEED SOME DIRECTION.

First things to determine:

Research Question:

Hypothesis:

Type of Research (Circle the one that applies):

Descriptive

Correlational

Experimental

Data Collection Strategy (Circle the one that applies):

Observation

Survey/Interview

Standardized Test

Case Study

Physiological Test

Time Span of Research (Circle the one that applies):

Cross Sectional

Longitudinal

Cohort

Additional Hints & Helpful Reminders:

- Follow the rubric and ask questions to clear up any confusion!
- Make sure that all materials are approved by Ms. Taylor before proceeding
- For presentation, make sure that the ppt. or other presentation method is operational
- Work together on the lab report, but it does need to sound like 1 single person wrote it. It should flow seamlessly.
- DO NOT PROCRASTINATE! If you do not pass the project, it will be detrimental to your grade