KIN 479 – Perception and Movement

Article Critique Assignment

This assignment is an assessment of your ability to (a) locate and analyze a research article, and (b) and integrate the content of your article with what you are learning in KIN 479.

Your article critique should, in your own words, have an introductory paragraph as described in 2. below, followed by paragraphs that (b) describe the purpose of the article; (c) describe the key question addressed in the article; (d) describe the most important information (facts and/or data) that the author(s) uses to support conclusions made; (e) identify the main inferences (conclusions) in the article; (f) identify the key ideas presented by the author(s); (g) describe one assumption underlying the author’s thinking; (h) integrate this study with what we have learned in class thus far; and (i) discuss what you believe to be the implications of the research, specifically related to specific real life setting.

Guidelines

To make the reading of your paper flow as smooth as possible, the following GUIDELINES must be observed:

1. Please type (double-space) your paper. Use a margin of one inch all around, left justify, and use a font size of 12 points, preferably Times. Your paper must not exceed 7 typed pages, which does include a reference page.

2. Start the paper with a short introduction that includes a clear statement of a main point (that is, a thesis statement). Bold your thesis statement.

3. Organize your paper into coherent paragraphs. Begin each paragraph with a clear topic sentence. Within each paragraph be sure to elaborate and then support what you say using evidence (facts) or examples. Make each sentence clear to a NAIVE READER - a person who does not know what you know about the topic and who, therefore, depends on your paper to learn about it. In essence, avoid unnecessary jargon (e.g. see page 5, 2nd paragraph, of your text).

4. Edit and rewrite until the paper is tight and clear.

5. Your introduction, descriptions, and discussions should be written in your own words, therefore, avoid long direct quotations. If you find that you need to either quote a short phrase or reference content from your article, textbook, or another source, cite the source using APA style.

6. After you write your paper, create a title page and give your paper a creative, yet appropriate, title.

7. Put your name on the BACK of the paper. BELOW your name, indicate (a) how much time you honestly spent preparing this assignment, (b) how you are feeling about the course, and (c) how I can help you learn more.

1 Pamphlets on Common Writing Problems - Plagiarism: What it is and How to Avoid It http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/

2 Pamphlets on Common Writing Problems - How to Write a Thesis Statement http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/

3 Pamphlets on Common Writing Problems - Paragraphs and Topic Sentences http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/