**How to Write the Perfect Application Paper**

1. **Make sure that you have 5 concepts** that you are defining and applying to real life situations.

(Concepts are vocabulary words or terms or theories that you have learned in this class. Some examples include trust vs. mistrust, Baumrind’s parenting styles, selective optimization, animism, wheel theory of love, elderspeak, etc. There are many others. Think of what interests you or catches your attention as you go through the course. Chances are, you are interested in the concept because it applies to you. This will make this assignment easier and more meaningful.)

2. **Make sure to clearly define** (in your own words) each concept. Use a variety of concepts.

3. **Apply the each concept to a real life situation**. This may be an application to work or your personal life. Think about how you can use what you have learned. Be creative and thorough. Show me that you understand the concept as you illustrate its use.

4. Make sure to **check grammar and spelling**.

5. **Check your word count**. Each entry should be about 300 words. Your entire paper is to be 1500 words. You will be penalized if your entries are too long or too short.

6. **Do not use quotes**. This paper is to be in your own words.

7. **Do not write a research paper**. This is an application paper and the focus is on your ability to understand and use what you have learned.

8. Make sure that you have submitted your paper as a **word document attachment** in the Paper Submission Folder. DO NOT use word perfect or any other program. I cannot read word perfect documents.

**The paper will be graded using the following guidelines:**

· Each concept is evaluated for clear definition (1 pt), thorough application (1 pt), correct grammar and spelling (1 pt), and appropriate length (1 pt).

· Five concepts x 4 points each totals 20 points possible.

· **The submission folder is open for five days and closes at 11:55 p.m. on the due date. Late papers are not accepted.**