PSY 2012 Gordon Rule Paper:

Choose one of the three topics below. Research the topic of choice using a minimum of 3 professional sources, NOT to include general psychology text and NOT to include Wiki anything. The paper is to be written in APA format. The body of the paper needs to be 3 to 5 pages, not to include the cover, abstract and reference pages. Be sure to cite all references used in the body of your paper. Then list that reference on the reference page. Do not list any references not cited and be sure to cite ALL references used. If it is not your original idea, cite it. APA style makes it very easy to cite references without having to use quotations. Refer to the APA sample paper located on your Campus Cruiser page for this class. If you are doing the Schizophrenia paper, the movie is not a source. If you are doing the media paper, the movies and shows you watch are not a source.

According to RESEARCH, describe the characteristics/traits of each person based on their ordinal position in the family as outlined in Birth Order Theory? Alfred Adler discussed the first born, middle, baby and only children of the family. Other theorists have expounded on the original theory to include twins, death of a sibling, step-siblings and siblings with over 5 years between them. What are the personalities of each of the family members like? What are the personalities of your family members like? Are they influenced by the order of their birth in the family? How accurate is the theory? Why?

RESEARCH Schizophrenia. Watch the movie A Beautiful Mind with Russell Crowe. Highlight the parts of the movie that are typical symptoms of schizophrenia and those that are not typical symptoms, based on DSM criteria. How accurate a portrayal is the movie? Why? Do not give a synopsis of the movie and do not critique the movie. Explain which behaviors demonstrated by Russell Crowe portraying John Nash, that look like the symptoms of Schizophrenia and which behaviors demonstrated do not look like symptoms of Schizophrenia.

How is psychology portrayed on TV and in the movies on shows such as Dr, Phil, Dr. Drew, Frasier, Law and Order, Intervention, Hoarders, Celebrity Rehab, What About Bob, As Good As It Gets, etc. Is therapy really conducted as portrayed in television shows? Is psychology seen as a science/course of treatment or is it seen as quackery? How accurate is this portrayal, according to RESEARCH? Are the shows making therapy more accessible or less so? Explain.