**Individual and Family Dynamics Final Assignment**

Due Date: Monday, January 23rd

Your final project has 3 sections. You will be given time in class to work on your project.

**Section 1: Role Models**

During the socialization process in the family, children learn human nature from their role models.  That is they imitate the behaviors, emotions, expressions of those around them.

For this section, your assignment is to list the role models in your life.  Think about how each influenced you.  Choose one who is particularly important to you.  Elaborate in how this person influenced you – positive or negative.  Speculate about the type of person you might be if this role model had not been there to influence you.

Length should be at least 1 typed page. Use complete sentences. Remember to have an opening and closing paragraph.  Your outline can be as follows:

**Paragraph 1**: opening to introduce your role model.

**Paragraph 2 – 3:** ways in which this person influenced you.

**Paragraph 3 – 2**: ways your life would be different if this person was not in your life.

**Paragraph 4**: Closing.

**Grading:**

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|  | **Value /20** |
| How this person has influenced you | 5 |
| Speculate on what you would be like | 5 |
| Opening and closing paragraphs | 1 |
| Complete sentences, grammar, paragraph structure | 2 |
| 1 page typed in length (minimum) | 2 |

**Section 2: Childhood of the Past Interview**

Have a conversation with your parent(s)/guardian(s) **and** grandparent(s). Talk about what their childhood was like in the following areas:

* Work (chores at home or even work outside of the home)
* Play
* Education
* Health
* Dress
* Parental Love
* Punishment
* Birthdays/Christmas Traditions
* Travel, family outings
* What do they notice is the biggest difference between their generation and children today?
* Other – your choice

After you complete your interview, answer the questions for yourself, giving you 3 generations of responses. What is similar? Different? You can present your findings in a PowerPoint, poster, or as a write-up.

**Grading:**

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|  | **Value /15** |
| Parent/guardian, grandparent, and student responses completed | 5 |
| Student thoughtfully reflects on similarities and differences  | 5 |
| Complete sentences, grammar, paragraph structure | 3 |
| Creativity in presentation format | 2 |

**Section 3: Becoming Your Own Family**

**Part A:**

In groups of 2’s (or 1’s if needed), you will need to obtain a doll (baby) that you and your partner will be responsible for. The details of this section are given below.

You must care for the baby for a period of 5 school days, beginning Monday, January 16th.

* You are responsible for the baby from 8:30 to 3:05 excluding noon hour.
* Someone must have the baby directly beside him or her at all times.
* For each day, you must create a simple log that states who has the baby for each part of the day
* Please note that any comments (from teachers or fellow students) that show abuse or disregard concerning your baby or someone else’s will result in a loss of 5 marks.

**Grading:**

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|  | **Value /25** |
| Daily log completion | 10 |
| Having the baby in your possession daily | 10 |
| Completion of teacher feedback form | 5 |

**Part B:**  **Budgeting**

Using flyers and the Internet, research the cost of the following 7 items. Look into the cost of the product you think is best for a baby. Items must be purchased new and not from consignment. Items to research: Diapers, Baby Food, Baby Clothing, Crib, Stroller, Car Seat, Baby Bottle, Soother, Baby Toy.

In addition, think about other items need to raise a baby and look into the price of these items. State what you think it will cost you to raise your child (not including normal household expenses like rent/mortgage and bills) for it’s first year of life. You may create a month budget and then multiple the total by 12.

**Grading:**

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|  | **Value /20** |
| Items researched | 7 |
| Budget completeness – no major items missing | 8 |
| Reasonable costs | 5 |

 **Part C: Raising Your Child**

1. Individually, list some of the challenges that you think you will need to deal with during your first year of raising this child. For each challenge, state how you might deal with the problem. You must deal with at least 4 challenges.
2. **Explain how you will meet the needs of your child. Write one paragraph about each – physical, social, emotional and intellectual (in other words, how will you ensure they are taken care of in each of these areas).**

**Grading:**

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|  | **Value /20** |
| Question 1 | 8 |
| Question 2 | 12 |

**Bonus Section**

Should you wish to complete additional assignments for extra grades, you can respond to any of these journal entries below. Entries must be a minimum of ½ page in length and thoughtfully answer the provided question. Each response can earn a maximum of 5 bonus marks to be added toward the semester grade.

1. What are some things that have to happen to have a healthy relationship? Write about 3 of them. Do you practice these things? What are three things that can destroy a relationship (don't put the opposite of the first part)?
2. How do you think you could improve your contributions to your family? Or, how could you improve how you interact with other members of your family?
3. If you could have the perfect spouse, parent, child or even friend (pick one), what five personality traits would you like for him/her to have and why.