

Experiential Learning Final Report: PSYC 215A Fall 2011

The report is worth 4%. It will be marked/graded for

1. Does it answer the question asked?
2. Does it make sense?
3. Does it show you know what you are talking about and have given it some thought?
4. Clarity, understanding of course contents and depth of analysis.

Option 1: Report on Journaling

Take a minute and consider how your thinking about the course material was affected by what you wrote in your journal.

Write a short paragraph (2-3 sentences) answering these questions.

1. What information that you learned in this course was most meaningful to you? Why?
2. What links were you able to make between information in the course and your own everyday life? (Do not repeat your previous answer. If necessary, give a second link.)
3. What link can you make between the experiential learning tasks and the kinds of long-term memory discussed in this course? (Be sure to specify what kind of long-term memory you are talking about.)
4. What link can you make between the experiential learning tasks and physiological mechanisms of learning and memory? (Be sure to specify what physiological mechanism you are talking about.)

Option 2: Report on Websites

For each of the 3 experiential learning modules of the course (listed below), briefly answer both of the following questions for ONE of the activities (a. or b.) you completed online:

- a) What in the website you reported on was most related to key points from the lectures or text? (In 1 sentence, give the key point from the course and the related content from the website.)
- b) What aspect of your own everyday life did this website tell you something new about? Briefly explain. (Use no more than 3 sentences but be sure to give both the aspect of your own life and the key content of the website).

Module 1

- a. Optogenetics - www.wired.com/magazine/2009/10/mf_optigenetics/
or
- b. Neurons and firing cnettv.cnet.com/60-minutes-decoding-language-brain/9742-1_53-50004317.html

Module 2

- a. Mouse Party: <http://learn.genetics.utah.edu/content/addiction/drugs/mouse.html>
or

- b. “Mind Trip” - <http://www.wiredtowinthemovie.com/mindtrip.html>

Module 3

- a. Optical illusions: <http://www.michaelbach.de/ot/>
- b. Brain injury. (A link you found).

After saying something about 1 website for each of the three modules, make a link between any two Modules. For example, is there some property of the nervous system that is common to two different modules? Or, is there some aspect of your own everyday life that two different modules both speak to? Or, did two different modules change your way of thinking about one thing in your own life?