PSYC 200 Reading Response Guidelines

**Response:** In this section you will practice summarizing, will demonstrate that you completed the reading, and will comment on the content of the reading. Some questions to get you started on this section include:
- What was the reading about?
- What did you think of the reading?
- What points stood out to you?

**Application:** In this section you will apply the concepts in the reading to your own life. Making information meaningful by relating it to yourself leads to better recall (e.g., better test performance). Some questions to get you started on this section include:
- How do the concepts in the reading apply to your life?
- How have you experienced the topic of the reading?
- How might the reading apply to you in the future?

**Further questions:** In this section you will practice critical thinking skills by linking the information in the reading to previous topics and information from your other courses. Content clarification questions will score fewer points than analytic discussion questions. An example of a good question is:
- In what ways is adolescent egocentrism, a component of cognitive development, also a component of their psychosocial development? In other words, how does an adolescent’s culture, family, peers, etc. influence their egocentrism?