**ANTH 1131**

**Introduction to Physical Anthropology & Human Origins**

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**Procedure:**

For this assignment, you must use the **APA reference style**. (exception: do NOT include an abstract).

This term paper is to be essay style and include a title page (with word count), introduction, body, conclusion, and references cited list. It must be double-spaced in 12-point font with 1-inch (regular) margins and be 6-7 pages (1500-1800 words) in length (excluding title page, tables, charts, images and references cited). Number your pages (except title page) in APA style. You must use a **minimum of 3 peer-reviewed sources, and a total of 6 academic sources in total**. You may, of course, use more than this, but at least 3 must be peer-reviewed. If you are unsure what a peer-reviewed source is, check with the library. A template and grading rubric (how your grade is broken down) is attached. Do come up with an original title for your paper.

You must learn to write within an assigned word count. A good rule of thumb for paper length is to stay within the word count, plus or minus 10% (maximum!). So, for this paper, make sure you do not go under 1350 words, or over 1980 words, but do try your best to stay within the actual count. Don’t forget to include your word count on your title page.

Avoid clichés and odd phrases:

* • According to me…
* • In a nutshell…
* • At the end of the day…

And overuse of:

* • Moreover…
* • Furthermore…
* • Therefore…
* • In addition…

**Topic -** Do non-human primates have culture? Discuss several studies of non-human primate behaviour and the evidence for the development of culture, or "proto-culture" among non-human primates. You may want to consider such aspects of their behaviour as reproductive strategies, aggression and conflict, or language capabilities and development, among others. How does the behavioural ecology of nonhuman primates inform us of the behaviour of our earliest ancestors?

**Paper Structure:**

* – give brief background to topic/introduce topic
* – **state your thesis** (specific and debatable)
* – outline main points (introduces your argument)
* – each main point needs its own paragraph(s)
* – provide supporting details for your argument (cite your sources)
* – demonstrate critical thinking – what do you think of what you have read?
* – provide in-text citations (but not too many direct quotes – try to write in your own words)

Conclusion

– recap your main points

– reiterate your thesis

– your final word, if any

References Cited

– in alphabetical order by author’s last name