

READING ASSIGNMENTS FOR EXAM #1

Week #1 Overview of course and requirements. Distribute/ discuss format for Structured Observation Paper #1 (handout). Assignment of take-home exercise.

Week #2 Discuss major theoretical orientations and basic research methods in social psychology. Discussion, analysis and critique of a social psychological study. Distribute/discuss Exam #1 essay questions.

Readings:

Chap. 1: "Introduction to Social Psychology"

Appendix: "Research Methods in Social Psychology"

Week #3 Major perspectives on socialization (Developmental, Social Learning, Interpretive, Social Structure). Agents of socialization. Processes and outcomes of socialization. Life course socialization.

Review for Exam #1

Readings:

Chap. 2: "Socialization Through The Life Course"

Week #4 Nature and development of the "self." Components of the "self" and their effects. Strategies of tactical self-presentation. Ineffective self-presentation and spoiled identities. Nature of social perception. Importance of categorization and schemas (person and group). Processes of impression formation. Processes and bias in attributing causes to others.

Readings:

Chap. 3: "Self and Self-Presentation"

Chap. 4: "Social Perception and Cognition"

Observation Paper #1 is due

Week #5 Exam #1