Formal Writing Opportunity - Introduction to General Psychology

This opportunity will be the formal writing about psychological disorders. This document will be in APA format using Purdue Online Writing Lab and our writing lab found in the Learning Commons as a guide. Remember that I will be your editor through this writing and you should feel comfortable writing.

Select a psychological disorder or class of disorders to research from our text. You may choose from an outside source but this will need to be discussed and approved by me in advance. This alone will be the start of your paper, writing the introduction. Introduce the audience to your topic. You could start with writing about why this topic has value in your perspective.

Examine other resources about the topic chosen, this will be referred to as the Literature Review. This may be the most challenging step of your research. You may discover things that go against your thinking as well as ideas that support your previous thoughts; this is the great part about research and learning. For this level of learning and to get started, use the exchanges of ideas with other learners to “kick start” this process. Other published research is available and we will get each learner involved with these steps.

The body will include a complete description of the disorder or class of disorders, what is involved with the diagnosis of this or diagnoses of these disorders, the treatments of this or these disorders being sure to include the best practices already published, and finally write about how this specific disorder or these disorders contribute to our community. You may add anecdotal treatments in the form of empirical data being sure that it is noted as a personal insight.

The conclusion is a brief statement of what you have found through your examination of the research. In more advanced writing when much more time is allowed this is where you will find the results of your study. Usually this is where conclusions leading to further research would be found as well.

Finally you will have the reference page as described in proper APA format.