

PSYCH1140 Assignment 2

Due date: Wednesday, 16 February 2022

Assignment prompt

For this assignment, you may consult all the readings we've done in class or other scientific sources. Then, answer this broad question: what do you think is the importance of having memories about past events?

In thinking about your answer, consider the following questions:

Based on all the readings you've read so far, an important property of the brain that helps us process our lifetime's worth of experience is that it is predictive. How does the brain use stored episodic memories to make predictions for imagining events in the distant future and processing events that are currently ongoing? What does this characterization of the predictive brain suggest about how we understand events? For example, knowing that the brain makes predictions based on stored event memories, what does this imply about the kinds of future events that one can imagine? What do you think will happen if one encounters an event that one has never experienced before?

This assignment will be graded based on the following criteria (10pts):

- Does the write-up adequately answer the assignment prompt? (2pts)
- Is there a clear thesis statement? (2pts)
- Are the thesis statement and its supporting claims adequately discussed? (2pts)
- Are the claims adequately backed by evidence-based on the readings or other sources (2pts)
- Is the write-up written clearly enough? Does it have a clear, logical flow? (1pt)
- Is the write-up adequately proofread - is it free of/ has minimal grammatical and spelling errors? Are sources adequately and properly cited? (1pt)

Submission guidelines

Your final write-up should be about 3-4 pages long, double-spaced, standard 12pts font. Submit it by uploading your document as .pdf, .doc. or .docx to Canvas no later than Wednesday, 16 February 2022 at 11:59PM. Please note that submissions will be subjected to a similarity check using Turnitin.