

## PSYCH1140 Assignment 3

Due date: Friday, 4 March 2022

### Assignment prompt

In the first few weeks of class, we talked about how the brain stores and uses information about past events (episodic memory). Namely, we can use stored representations of past events (i.e., memory) to construct representations of future events. We also learned that reconstruction of past events (i.e., recalling) could be 'faulty' - it is prone to alterations leading to 'false' memory formation.

For this assignment, write an opinion piece about how memory works. For example: "we remember things not just for nostalgia's sake but also to plan for the future." You should use one of the scientific articles we've read in class to ground your claim. In other words, your opinion piece should clearly state your claim and provide enough explanation about the scientific article that motivates this claim. You may also include evidence from other scientific articles (from our class readings or your own literature search) as further support.

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

- Is there a clear thesis statement (i.e. your main claim/ opinion)? (2pts)
- Is there enough discussion on the main scientific article that motivates the main claim? (2pts)
- Are points in the writeup adequately supported by evidence derived from scientific studies? (1pt)

- Is the writing written using the appropriate tone given the intended audience (i.e., the general public)? (2pts)
- Does the writeup have a clear, logical flow? (2pts)
- 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 2-3 pages long, double-spaced, standard 12pts font. Submit it by uploading your document as .pdf, .doc. or .docx to Canvas no later than Friday, 4 March 2022 at 11:59PM. Please note that submissions will be subjected to a similarity check using Turnitin.