My Virtual Life Journal Questions

Be sure to type all responses to the following questions. Students can answer these questions in the My Virtual Life program, but all responses need to be copied and pasted in a separate document. This document will be turned in-class. The instructor will not grade any responses in the My Virtual Life system.

My Virtual Life Journal # 1

Answer these questions for Journal # 1 assignment.

Each question 5 points each.

Virtual Child Age: 8 months old

1. At 8 months of age was your child an "easy", "slow-to-warm-up", or "difficult" baby in terms of Thomas and Chess's classic temperamental categories? On what do you base this judgment?

Virtual Child Age: 19 months old

2. Analyze your baby's temperament in more detail at 18 months than you did at 8 months. How would you describe your baby in terms of the five aspects of temperament utilized by the Virtual Child program (activity, sociability, emotionality, aggressiveness vs. cooperativeness, and self-control)? Has @NAME's temperament been stable over the first 18 months? A blurb defining and providing examples of the five aspects of temperament is provided at 12 months, but you should seek out further explanations of temperament from your textbook. Explain how the concept of goodness of fit (also discussed in the blurb on infant temperament) applies to your interactions with your child.

Virtual Child Age: 3 years, 11 months old

3. How well is your child adapting to social situations in the home and outside the home? Does your child have any behavior or emotional problems at this point? Why do you think these problems are occurring and what are you doing about them?

My Virtual Child Age: 10 years, 11 months old

4. Describe your child's academic skills between ages 6 and 10 and assess how well these skills are developing. The 5th grade report card will be useful for this but you should also incorporate your own observations. What are you doing to help your child?
**My Virtual Life Journal # 2**

Answer these questions for Journal # 2 assignment.

Each question 10 points each.

*My Virtual Child Age: 16 years, 11 months old*

1. How has your teen adjusted at 14-16 years of age to typical adolescent issues such as risk-taking, drugs, alcohol, and sexual interests, and how have you responded to your teen?

*Special Note: Please remember in order to answer the rest of the question you need to create the Virtual Adult.*

*My Virtual Adult Age: 21 years old*

2. What kinds of social behaviors in your pre-college days do you see as related to the behaviors you display now, in college? Make a list of "good behaviors" and "bad behaviors". Do these map onto "Good outcomes" and "bad outcomes?" How or why?

**My Virtual Life Journal # 3**

Answer these questions for Journal # 3 assignment.

Each question 10 points each.

*My Virtual Adult Age: 40 years old*

1. Imagine you sit down to dinner with your long-time friend and she tells you she is having jealousy issues in her marriage. Her husband, whom you get along with, is upset that she has gotten to be too close with a male coworker, and he is interpreting their friendly banter as flirting. What advice might you give to your friend to help her alleviate the situation?

*My Virtual Adult Age: 80 years old*

2. What are the benefits of connecting with others throughout life and particularly during Late Adulthood? If you could do your virtual life over, would you do anything differently?