Biography Activity

Name of the person whose biography you are reading: ________________________________

You will read your assigned biography and work as a group to accomplish 3 tasks for this activity. The task goals are:

a) Task 1: achieve full reading comprehension and build your vocabulary (page 1)

b) Task 2: identify biographical and PA-related information about the person (page 2)

c) Task 3: summarize what you have learned from the biography in a timeline format (page 3)

Task 1. Read the biography and list unfamiliar words or phrases in left column of the table below. Afterwards, find and write definitions for them on the right column of the Table 1.

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Task 2. Read your biography for a second time and answer the following prompts:

a) List key dates and facts that are important for this person.

b) List any key dates and event that are important to the PA profession.

c) List at least three of your person’s accomplishments.

d) Describe how his or her accomplishments made a difference.

e) Describe at least one thing in this person’s life that you admire or relate to.
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Task 3. Using notes from Task 2, create a biographical timeline of the person’s life and accomplishments. Include the following elements to the timeline:

- The person’s biographical information and accomplishments, which includes dates, events, places, and people mentioned in the biography

- At least one U.S. or world event that you know of that is not in the biography, but took place around the same time the events in the biography did

- A title of the timeline that reflects your responses to items d and e in Task 2
Group and Individual Assignments

You will work in your group to research and create display boards about the roles and accomplishments of physician assistants. In addition, you will write and submit a 3-page essay on the same topic.

Please read and follow the specific instructions for the group display and individual essay assignments outlined below:

1. The display and essay describe what a PA is and does by addressing the following questions:
   - What do you consider the most important accomplishment by a physician assistant?
   - How and where physician assistants work today? Whom do they serve?

2. You are required to use the following pre-selected online sources in making your group display and writing an individual essay:
   - Minimum of one of these biographies Henry Lee "Buddy" Treadwell, Joyce Nichols, or Victor H. Germino, Jr.
   - Physician Assistants: Collaboration and Care Exhibition section
   - "Certified PA Do That!
   - Minimum of two online sources from the Physician Assistants: Collaboration and Care Other Resources: Online Resources

3. Your group display board must present information in a clear and well-organized manner, and include:
   - a title that summarizes the main idea presented on the board
   - brief descriptions that address topics related to and supportive of the main idea
   - visual elements that are relevant and easy to view
   - a correctly formatted bibliography of sources
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4. Your essay must be 3-pages long (12-pt font size and double spaced) and fulfill the following requirements:
   - The title reflects the main idea of the essay.
   - The introduction states your main idea and outlines key supporting points briefly.
   - The content paragraphs elaborate on the supporting points or topics, addressing the main idea.
   - The conclusion restates the main idea differently from the introduction and describes the significance of your main idea.
   - Each paragraph starts with an appropriate topic sentence and has at least 5 complete sentences.
   - There are no spelling or grammatical errors.
   - The bibliography lists your sources in the correct format.

5. You will first hand in the essay at the beginning of next class. Afterwards, you will work to finish and set up your group display, then view all displays during next class.
Gallery Walk: Display Assessment

1. What are some key ideas you have gained by working on your own display project?

2. Viewing other groups’ displays, what information do you consider most interesting? Explain your response.

3. What surprised you most about the physician assistant profession after viewing the displays?

4. Which display was your favorite and why?

5. What questions do you have on specific display boards?

6. How can the information you’ve learned from the physician assistant displays help you in the future?