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Research Proposition

I have decided to do my research paper over the psychology of personality. Within this paper I will reference multiple perspectives as well as place a few connected examples from my own life. From reading the chapter 11 in our book, I realize that taking an in-depth look into Personality Psychology will not only help bolster my career, but will also help me better gain an insight into some of the individuals that I will come across in the Criminal Justice field. This angle will open my eyes and my consciousness to the connection between the actual action and the reasoning behind so.

A persons personality is the base of their traits and individual patterns that shape their actions. These actions are what make us unique and original. In the first section of my paper I will cover specific attributes and characteristics that are linked to different personalities.

The second section of my paper will be focused on defense mechanisms and their connection to the shaping of a personality. In this section I will touch base on both learned and taught defense mechanisms and how they develop over time. This may become a longer, or the longest section of my paper as I believe the majority of criminal acts and felonious crimes stem from a poor past history and lack of connection to the outside world.

The third section of my paper will be over the four theorists as listed in our book under Chapter 11 Section 3. I find that the perspectives that they all share are not only valuable for my paper; but will also add an organized and well thought out pre closure to my sections. Within this section I will highlight the following; Alfred Adlers theory on the “inferiority complex”. I will go over the eight stages of development as stated by Erik Erikson. The third theorist, Carl Jung, focused on his study of Analytical Psychology. Within his study, I will focus on the collective unconscious and how it plays upon a persons public personality. The final theorist, and only

female on the list - Karen Horney focused on unconscious anxiety. Within this last theorist, I will tie it back into what I have stated in section two with the Neapolitan Complex.

The fifth and final section of my paper will be over conclusive notes and personal realizations that I have come to within this research. I will make all attempts to not sound spastic and jumbled within this section. Each example that I write about will hit on topics that are stated in the above sections; so to round out my paper in it's entirety.