FACT Program

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**CRITICAL THINKING EXERCISES (CTE) PROMPTS:**

These short papers (2 pages) will be used to critically think about the information presented to you in class and through readings to concisely integrate, summarize, and apply the content to a prompt. The paper should be in APA format and include citations. In addition, you will submit an argument map to demonstrate your thought process in reaching your conclusion. This should be done before you begin writing to help you formulate your thoughts. Follow the attached template.

**CTE 1:** The study of epigenetics has raised interesting possibilities for epigenetic modifications. Referring to readings and course materials, make a case for why technologies that could enable epigenetic modifications might be beneficial and/or harmful? Remember to do your argument map first and include citations for each point (6 total). Follow the map in writing your paper.

**CTE 2:** Should drug-use during pregnancy be criminalized? Referring to readings and course materials, make a case for why this is a good idea or a bad idea for maternal and/or fetal health. Remember to do your argument map first and include citations for each point (6 total). Follow the map in writing your paper.

**CTE 3:** There are certain states that allow some female prisoners to have their infants with them in prison up until the children are 30 months old. Referring to readings and course materials, make a case for why this is a good idea or a bad idea for the infant’s development. Remember to do your argument map first and include citations for each point. Follow the map in writing your paper.

**CTE 4:** Sweden has created several gender-neutral preschools where students are not treated according to traditional gender roles and pronouns used are gender-neutral. What do you think of this model? Do you think it would be beneficial in the United States? Why or why not? Remember to do your argument map first and include citations for each point. Follow the map in writing your paper.

**CTE 5:** In the movie *Room*, Jack spends the first 5 years of his life confined from the outside world. Knowing what you do about childhood development, what things were protective factors for Jack and what things were risk factors for his lifelong wellbeing? Include citations and follow your argument map.

**CTE 6:** Currently, social media sites are age restricted to 13-years-old, an age set by Congress in the Children’s Online Privacy and Protection Act (COPPA). Do you think this is an appropriate age restriction or do you think the age should be lowered or increased? Use your understanding of development to argue your case. As always include citations and an argument map.

**ARGUMENT MAP TEMPLATE**