

PSY 202 Writing Assignment for Fall Q., 2004

Choose ONE of the following questions (and its accompanying article) and write a 4-5 page paper on the question. The paper should be 4-5 page paper, 12 point font, double-spaced, 1 inch margins, with a title page which includes the title of the paper, your name, last 4 digits of your social security number, email address, recitation section number, and date. You will not be graded on *what*, specifically, your opinion is, but rather on your comprehension of the information presented in the article, and on your organization, development and expression of your thoughts related to the article and the question posed.

1) Your text describes the attributes of critical and scientific thinking in psychology in Chapter 1. In the article "Of Two Minds: Selling the Right Brain", the author discusses research on the differences and similarities of the right and left hemispheres of the brain. He asks the question of whether the conclusions based on such research are valid. What conclusions does this author make, if any? Based on your reading of Chapter 1 of the text, do you agree? Explain.

2) In the article "The Emergence of Intelligence" the author (William Calvin) presents evidence for a new theory of intelligence and how it developed in humans. Describe this theory, citing evidence that Calvin uses to support this theory. Does the theory contradict any of the other theories of intelligence presented in your text (Chapter 6)? Explain.