

PSY 501
Spring 2014
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Current topic #1 – due 16 February

For the first current topic assignment you will need to use the TIMSS & PIRLS web site which can be accessed at <http://timss.bc.edu/>

Your school principal knows that you are taking this course and you have just completed a unit on statistics. He asks you to prepare a brief paper for him in which you summarize the findings of the TIMSS & PIRLS reports into language which he can understand. He wants to know the significance of the reports and what you see as the strengths and weaknesses of the assessments. He also wants to know what you think their significance will be to your school and the district as a whole.

Your answer needs to be submitted directly to me as a Word attachment to an e-mail (be sure to review the electronic communication guidelines in the syllabus).

In preparing your answer keep in mind your audience – the school principal – so assume intelligent but uninformed. The entire document should not be longer than 3 pages. You may use bullets where you think they are appropriate.

Let me know if you have any questions about this assignment.

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