ESSAY 2
DUE OCTOBER 19, 2004

The assignment is to write a brief essay based on the topic/question below. Please use the following format exactly:

- Three typed pages, 1.5 or double-spaced lines, 1-inch margins, no less than 11-point font and no greater than 12-point font, no more than 3 grammar/spelling errors.
- Please put your name in the top right corner of the page (within the header) and put page numbers on each of your pages (within the footer). Do not include a title page.
- Use APA-style citations and a 4th page MUST be included as a bibliography (in APA Style)
- If you want to use figures to support your points, please attach additional pages.

Please write on the following topic:

1. Remembering in a psychology experiment is rarely like remembering in the "real world." In the real world, there are many "elements" around us when we are learning information and remembering information and these "elements" are likely to affect our abilities to remember and remember well or accurately. Describe how aspects of the "real world" (these vague "elements" that are referred to above) affect our remembering. Give at least 3 examples of the various things that affect remembering. THEN describe at least 2 experiments that have studied how these "elements" affect remembering in a memory experiment (hint: context).

OR

2. How do you intentionally forget something? Can you? If you try to forget something, will it be forgotten forever? There are a great many techniques for improving your memory. For this essay, developed two techniques that would help someone forget something. For each technique, describe it fully and the procedures one much go through to use the technique. Then, for each technique, describe (in some detail) the experimental evidence that exists to support your techniques and explicitly describe why YOU THINK this evidence supports your techniques and allows them to work the way you think that they will.

Discussion with your fellow students and with the TA is allowed. Writing, however, must be completed on your own. There are a great number of possible ways to approach this question. If your response is highly similar to or exactly like another student's response, expect to be questioned by the instructor.

ESSAY SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Essays are to be turned in/uploaded via the ANGEL course site. The essays may be submitted either as Microsoft Word files (.doc or .rtf) or PDF files. The deadline for uploading the files is 10 am, Tuesday, October 19, 2004. Do NOT turn in a hardcopy in class.