

Babies Sociological Analysis Paper Outline

I. Intro Paragraph (3-4 sentences) (5 points)

A. Summary of the film (2-3 sentences)

B. Thesis Statement (at the end of the paragraph, should be underlined & bolded)

1. **The 2010 film *Babies* demonstrates examples of cultural universals and norms while viewing the distinct cultural differences between the cultures of Namibia, Mongolia, Japan and the US from the XXXXX perspective.**

II. Body Paragraph 1 (5-8 sentences)→ Cultural Universals (10 points)

A. Topic sentence introducing the topic of social change

B. **Define cultural universals (underline & bold the entire sentence).**

C. Family

D. Food

E. Shelter

F. Play

III. Body Paragraph 2 (5-8 sentences)→ Folkways & Mores (10 points)

A. Topic sentence introducing the topic of social functions

B. **Define folkways (underline & bold the entire sentence).**

C. Give examples of folkways from the film. (At least 2)

D. **Define mores (underline & bold the entire sentence).**

E. Give examples of mores from the film. (At least 2)

IV. Body Paragraph 3 (5-8 sentences)→ Theoretical Perspective Analysis (20 points)

A. Topic sentence introducing the theoretical perspective you have chosen: functionalist, conflict theorist, symbolic interactionist by explaining why you chose that perspective.

B. **Define the perspective (underline & bold the entire sentence).**

C. Explain how a sociologist would use the perspective you have chosen to explain the concept of cultural differences.

1. The **Functionalist** perspective examines the role of one's culture in their development during childhood years. (Proceed to give examples of the functions of 2 examples)

2. The **Conflict Theorists** examine the discrepancies in the way children are raised in industrial nations versus children raised in less industrialized cultures. (Proceed to give examples of the struggle in 2 examples).

3. **Symbolic Interactionists** focus on studying the importance of the role of technological involvement on the development of the child and its impact. (Proceed to give examples of the symbols in 2 examples.)

V. Conclusion (3-4 sentences) (5 points)

A. Summarize how this film demonstrates social changes. (2-3 sentences)

B. Restate your thesis in a new way (underline and bold entire sentence)

1. ***Babies* provides a critical analysis of culture and norms through the lens of the XXX perspective.**

50 points possible.