

## **Neo-Freudian Reading – Instructions for the assignment**

**Purpose:** To familiarize yourself with the group of theorists known as “Neo-Freudians”. This influential group of theorists began as followers of Sigmund Freud, but distanced themselves from him as time went by. You need to be familiar with these theorists, the theories that they contributed to the study of personality, and how their theories differed from those of Sigmund Freud.

**Objective:** Students will identify the key theories of the Neo-Freudians, and identify the specific reasons each theorist separated from Freud.

### **Your task:**

1. Choose 2 of the 4 people from the Neo-Freudian reading, and create therapy notes for them.  
**The scenario:** Each theorist is lying on your couch, discussing their frustrations with their mentor (Freud). You will note the frustrations that they share with you about their mentor, AND how they explained *their own* theories that differentiates them from their mentor.
2. For the remaining two people in the article, you will take the role of a reporter, and you will write a newspaper article that resulted from your interviews with disgruntled protestors (the other two theorists,) outside of Freud’s office. The two theorists that you are writing about have given you permission to use their names in the article, so you can tell the reader what they are upset with Freud about, and what they want Freud to acknowledge is flawed about his theory. They also want to share their own ideas of personality development. Come up with a clever name for your newspaper at the top of the sheet, and then a title for your article. In the large box to the right draw a picture depicting something relevant to the assignment. The protest, Freud, the two theorists, etc. (Your artistic ability is irrelevant, stick figures are fine.)
3. You will receive an “assessment” at a later date that consists of tweets and you will have to determine who would have sent them based on your knowledge of their complaints with Freud and their own theories.
4. These will serve as your notes on the theorists, who we will not be covering in class, but whom you need to be familiar with. Be sure to do a thorough job.