**ASSIGNMENT 5**

Part 1: Rank the reading.

Please rank this week’s reading from your favorite to least favorite, where 1 = favorite. Please briefly explain your ranking (a couple of sentences total).

Part 2: Discussion Question.

Write (at least) one substantive, thought-provoking discussion question. Please reference the discussion question guidelines on Canvas for detailed instructions.

Part 3: Application.

Communicated narrative sensemaking theory helps us understand the value of storytelling in interpersonal relationships. The different features of storytelling help people process, understand, and relate to others’ messages and experiences.

Step 1: Write a summary of communicated narrative sensemaking theory that is informed by this week’s reading (about 1 paragraph). Please provide in-text citations for sources that you used to help you paraphrase the information.

Step 2: Choose an interpersonal context in which someone might tell a story to help convey an important message to another person. For example: you might choose to write a children’s story about one’s bullying experience, a manager might tell a story to their employees to convey the importance of leadership, an attending physician might share a story with an intern to help them understand how difficult it is to deliver bad news to patients and their families. You can use one of these examples or generate your own example. Be specific about the audience and goals.

Step 3: Select an AI tool and insert your theory summary (step 1) and your interpersonal storytelling context (step 2). Ask the AI tool to review the theory summary and the story context and to generate a story that applies features of the theory summary to tell a story about the interpersonal context. Make sure you ask for the story itself, not just for how you \*could\* use the context to tell the story.

Step 4: In the assignment, please paste all the previous steps (theory summary, interpersonal storytelling context, your AI prompt) and your AI output. Label everything clearly.

Step 5: Analyze the AI output (be specific and explain your answers).

1. Why did you choose that specific interpersonal storytelling context?
2. Critique the AI story. Do you think it adequately incorporated elements of communicated narrative sensemaking theory? Do you think the story was engaging? Was it appropriate for your audience? Do you think it felt like an organic interpersonal exchange? Do you think the story effectively conveyed your intended message?
3. Explain whether you thought this application was valuable and whether it would translate to other interpersonal contexts as well.
4. Explain whether there’s anything you would do to change the way you approached this part of the assignment in the future.

Grading Guidelines:

* In graduate school, it’s important to move beyond “checking the boxes” on assignments to taking the initiative to expand your knowledge. Thus, meeting the requirements for this assignment will result in an “average” grade. If you’d like to achieve a higher grade, you must exceed the requirements.

AI Guidelines:

* You cannot use AI to develop your discussion question, theory summary, or AI analysis. These parts of the assignment must reflect your original ideas/interpretation of the reading. After drafting your question or summary, you can enter it into an AI tool (e.g., ChatGPT/Grammarly) to help with clarity and editing. Please explain how much you used AI tools in your assignment (example below).

I independently drafted the entire assignment, then pasted it into Claude and asked the AI tool to review it for clarity. I incorporated a couple of minor suggestions. I also adopted a few Grammarly editing suggestions.