

Assignment Unit 1 - Draft Due Oct.13

HHS4U · FAMILIES IN CANADA · UNIT 1 ASSESSMENT

Family Concepts Report

Applying the functions of the family — with research and APA citation

STRANDS	EXPECTATIONS	LENGTH	CITATION	CATEGORIES
A + B	B3.1 · A1.3 · A3.1 · A4.3	500–750 words	APA	All competencies

In Unit 1 you learned what a family *does* (the six functions), you forged a research question, and you learned to find, assess, and cite sources. This report is where you put it all together. You'll analyze one diverse family form using the six functions, and support your analysis with two credible, APA-cited sources. You already built the foundation in the Lesson 7 Researcher's Desk workshop — this is where it becomes a polished piece of writing.

Your task

Write a short report (500–750 words) that analyzes **one diverse family form** of your choice, using the **Six Functions of the Family**. Your report must show how that family form performs the core functions, supported by evidence from two credible sources, cited in APA style.

Step 1 — Choose your family form

Pick one form to focus on. Each is equally valid — choose the one you find most interesting or know something about:

Path A — A specific form

e.g., single-parent, blended, multigenerational, grandparent-led, same-sex-parent, or childless families. Analyze how this form meets the six functions.

Path B — A form across cultures

Choose one form and explore how it appears in two cultural contexts — how the functions are met similarly or differently.

Step 2 — Write the report

Introduction	Introduce your chosen family form and state your research question (from Lesson 4/7). 2–3 sentences.
Functions analysis	The core of your report: explain how your chosen form performs the six functions — note where functions are met, strained, shared, or met from outside the home. Use correct social-science terms (B3.1, A4.2).
Evidence	Support at least two of your points with information from your two sources. Integrate the evidence — don't just list it (A3.1).
Conclusion	A short reflection: what does analyzing this form reveal about the course question, "What makes a family — and who gets to decide?"
References	An APA reference list of your two sources, plus in-text citations throughout (A4.3).

Step 3 — Cite in APA

APA QUICK REMINDER (from your Lesson 6 source card)

In-text: (Author/Organization, Year) — e.g., (Statistics Canada, 2023)

Reference (journal): Author, A. (Year). Title of article. Journal Name, vol(issue), pages.

Reference (web/report): Organization. (Year). Title. Publisher. URL

You won't be marked on perfect formatting this time — get the right pieces in the right order. Keep your source card open as you write.

How you'll be assessed

Level 3 (70–79%) is the provincial standard — solid, complete work. Level 4 shows insight and polish beyond the standard.

Criterion	Level 4 (80–100%)	Level 3 (70–79%)	Level 2 (60–69%)	Level 1 (50–59%)
Area 1 (family functions & forms — B3.1)	Demonstrates thorough, precise understanding of all six functions and the chosen form; uses terms with insight.	Demonstrates considerable understanding of the functions and form; uses terms correctly.	Demonstrates some understanding; a few functions or terms are unclear or misused.	Demonstrates limited understanding; functions or terms largely missing or incorrect.
Area 2 (applies framework & evidence — B3.1, A3.1)	Applies the six-functions framework to the form with insight; integrates source evidence skillfully to support analysis.	Applies the framework competently; uses source evidence appropriately to support points.	Applies the framework with some success; evidence is present but loosely connected.	Applies the framework with limited success; evidence missing or unconnected.
Area 3 (organization, clarity, APA — A4.3)	Clear, well-organized, polished writing; APA in-text citations and reference list present and largely correct.	Clear and organized; APA citations and references present with minor errors.	Some organization; APA attempted but with notable gaps or inconsistency.	Limited organization; APA largely missing or incorrect.

Before you submit — checklist

- I analyzed how my chosen form meets the six functions (not just described the family).
- I supported at least two points with evidence from my two sources.
- I used in-text citations (author, year) and included an APA reference list.
- I used correct social-science terms.
- My report is 500–750 words and proofread.