

A03 BURGER

EVALUATING THE BIOLOGICAL APPROACH

Overview

This aim of this resource is to help students develop their evaluation skills, to gain those important AO3 marks. This is a perfect activity at the end of any topic, so that students can put the information they have learnt into an exam format.

Resources Required

- AO3 Burger evaluation handout (at least one per student)

Teacher Instructions

Teaching and Learning Strategy A

Firstly, introduce the students to the burger approach (5 minutes):

- **The Top Bun:** The top part of the bun is the first sentence (e.g. One strength of... comes from...)
- **The Meat:** Students then move onto the meat of the burger (evidence). Students should explain the evidence of their strength/limitation OR if they are using a study, highlight the method and results (be careful NOT to include too much detail here).
- **The Bottom Bun** They then need to apply this evidence or theory to back to the question, so this is where the bottom part of the bun comes in. They should then use the sentence starter – This matters because...

Students should be given around 8-10 minutes to complete their burger paragraphs. Students can then peer assess each other's burgers and set targets using the criteria detailed below (see Teaching and Learning Strategy B).



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Teaching and Learning Strategy B

Peer Assessment Criteria

- 1 mark for identifying an appropriate point (top bun)
- 1 mark for evidence (meat)
- 1 mark for linking back (bottom bun)

Students can mark it using the words top bun, meat etc and set targets for each other (e.g. you have not got enough meat in your burger or your burger has no bottom bun).



BURGER



One strength/limitation of biological approach...

Insert evidence of your strength/limitations (e.g. methods/
results or key points)

This matters because...

Student Worksheet

BULBUL



One strength/limitation of biological approach...

One strength of the biological approach is its application to the treatment of psychological disorders, like depression and OCD.

Insert evidence of your strength/limitations (e.g. methods/results or key points)

Drugs which increase the level of serotonin, including SSRIs, are now widely used for the treatment of depression and OCD.

This matters because...

This matters because drugs have led to the successful treatment for many patients with depression/OCD, highlighting the positive application of the biological approach to treating clinical disorders.

Worksheet Answers