AP Psychology - Breakfast Club Take Home Essay

Characters: John Bender - The “Criminal”, Andrew “Andy” Clarke - the “Athlete”, Allison Reynolds - the “Basket Case”, Claire Standish - the “Princess”, Brian Ralph Johnson - the “Brain”,

Directions: Choose any one character from the movie to answer the following questions in full paragraphs with complete sentences. You may choose a different character for each question or the same one throughout.

For each question, make sure you:
  a. State and explain the stage or statement
  b. Explain how the character exemplifies this
  c. Give SPECIFIC examples from the movie to support your view
  d. Please type all answers

1. Is the character’s thinking mostly Piaget’s Concrete Operational or Formal Operational? Explain, using evidence from the movie to back up your answer.

2. What level of Kohlberg’s Moral reasoning does your character represent? Explain and give evidence to back up your answer.

3. Where is your character in terms of Erikson’s Identity vs. Role Confusion? What baggage from previous stages do they seem to be carrying? What happens to them in the film to enable the character to develop a deeper sense of identity?


5. There are two adult figures shown in the movie, Carl the janitor, and Mr. Vernon the vice principal. What connections can you make between these adults and the various adult development theories and stages?

Point Value: 20 points per question, 100 points total

Due Date: