PSYC 216
Human Sexuality
Research Option One
100 points

Describe your views on explicit adult media content (Romance, Erotica, and Pornography) prior to this course.

Research and define differences between Romance, Erotica, and Pornography. Read and/or view an example of each to compare and contrast. These can be magazines, books, anime/Manga, videos (use only free videos, not pay-required or downloads that have virus risks). Indicate the following from what you read/view:

- Target audience
- Goal for the reader/viewer
- How individuals are portrayed/which individuals are passive, which are active
- How sexually graphic is the information/images
- What emotions are portrayed? Facial expressions? Do they match the person's actions?
- Is the material “soft” or “hardcore”? What in the material indicates either? (give examples from what you have read/viewed)
- Indicate how diversity is presented (people of color, sexual orientation, appearance, disabilities)
- Are there any noticeable patterns in the material?

View research articles that are against explicit adult content from both male and female perspectives, then read pro-pornography research articles from both male and female perspectives. Summarize the articles and consider the views in relation to what you read/watched. Does the view coincide with your experience of reading/watching adult material or does his view alter your perception of pornography? How/Why? There are no right or wrong answers. Just support your position.

Use APA peer-reviewed journals to find related articles on the effects of Romance, Erotica, and Pornography and discuss the research in relation to what you read/viewed. Does the research support the views on adult material prior to this course or were your views changed? How/Why?