***Essay Topic Context****: Evolutionary Anthropology*

*In 1960, Jane Goodall stunned the scientific community with her observations of chimpanzees
making and using tools in the forests of east Africa. Until then, most anthropologists believed
that only species in the genus Homo made and used tools. Despite years of debate and further
observations of complex tool use in chimpanzees, considerable controversy still exists as to
whether chimpanzees exhibit culture or simply evidence of social learning. Thus,* ***the goal of
your essay is to evaluate the proposition that chimpanzees have culture.***

***Assigned Readings:*** *-Josep Call and Claudio Tennie, “Animal Culture: Chimpanzee Table Manners?”
Current Biology, Volume 19 (2009): R981-R983. (required)
-Kevin Laland and William Hoppitt, “Do Animals Have Culture?” Evolutionary
Anthropology, Volume 12 (2003):150-159. (required)*

*-Siliezar, Juan, 2020 Aging chimps show social selectivity. Harvard Gazette. Harvard Gazette, October 23. (required popular source)*