The aim of this assessment task is for you to learn about and make the links between how history and past Australian government policies relating to Indigenous Australians, has generated the current politically engineered Indigenous health crises. You will demonstrate your understanding and knowledge as well as application of principles to decision making for healthcare.

Written Assignment Criteria Guidelines (Instructions on how to write this assignment)

For this assessment, the word "Indigenous" , refers to the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people of Australia.

Undeniably Australian Government policy from the past has directly impacted upon the health status of Indigenous Australians today - The focus of this assessment will be on: - 'Australian Indigenous ELDERS'.

"Discuss how the Policy of Assimilation 1961, (Copy located on Blackboard) has impacted on the overall health status of Indigenous Australian ELDERS today".

- > Step 1 It is important for health professionals to gain knowledge of the pre-invasion health status of the Australian Indigenous population to understand the impact caused by Australia's government policies. Your introduction should identify the pre-invasion health status of Indigenous Australian ELDERS (100 words)
- > Step 2 Provide a background statement outlining the current health status of Indigenous Australian ELDERS and how this contrasts with their representation of health. Note Indigenous people have their own interpretation of health which contrasts greatly to the western medical model (100 words)
- > Step 3 Critically analyse and explain the intent of the Assimilation Policy of 1961 (use examples from the Assimilation Policy and from your Textbook). Provide brief examples of how Assimilation practices have impacted on the health status of Indigenous Australian ELDERS today (100 words)
- > Step 4 Identify and critically discuss the links between the Assimilation Policies intent and the present health status of the Indigenous Australian ELDERS population today specifically related to the following topics:

Australian Indigenous ELDERS and Human Rights and Racism (400 words).

Australian Indigenous ELDERS and Chronic Diseases - Please focus on the following two: Cardiovascular Disease and Chronic Kidney Disease (400 words).

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Australian Indigenous ELDERS and End of Life and Sorry Business (400 words).

Trauma from Assimilation Policies has had a multigenerational effect on Indigenous Australian ELDERS. If you work in Australia as a Registered Nurse/Midwife - you will provide care for members of this cultural demographic. The "Close the Gap" initiative is high on the Australian Government agenda.

Step 5 - With this knowledge how can 'you' the Registered Nurse/ Midwife ensure you work with Indigenous Australian ELDERS in a culturally safe way to help "Close the Gap" (500 words). This section only can be written in first person.

Between - 12 - 24 references are required - The "Assimilation Policy" must be referenced. References older than 10 years are acceptable (Due to historical content of this assessment Task).

Weighting: 50% - (50 marks)

Length: 2000 Words