

ALL PRE AP ASSIGNMENTS ARE DUE BY AUGUST 30, 2017

AP Psychology “What is a Perspective (School of Thought)?”

A **perspective** is a school of thought or a way of describing/viewing some phenomenon such as mental illness or behavior.

Many topics in psychology can be viewed in a number of ways. For example, let’s consider the subject of aggression. Someone who emphasizes a *biological perspective* would investigate how the brain and nervous system impact aggressive behavior. A professional who stresses a *behavioral perspective* would investigate how environmental variables reinforce aggressive actions. Another psychologist who utilizes a *humanistic approach* might consider that behavior to be a choice with acceptable consequences, etc.

Complete the following **IN A CHART FORMAT**: (*Typed in a legible font*).

- a. Research each using one or more *valid* internet sites.
- b. Define each perspective IN YOUR OWN WORDS.
- c. List any people associated with the founding of each, if any.
- d. In your OWN WORDS create a “real life” example of each using a “real life” problem. (You may have to research a bit to understand the concept enough to do this) Your conclusions may be incorrect – and that is okay – it is your reasoning that I am seeking.

Example:

- a. Schizophrenia can be described best by the **Biological (Neuroscience)** perspective because research states that the ventricles of the human brain are larger in people with schizophrenia. Also medication can help relieve many symptoms of the disorder.

7 major perspectives in modern psychology

1. The Biological Perspective (Neuroscience)
2. The Psychodynamic Perspective
3. The Behavioral Perspective
4. The Humanistic Perspective
5. The Cognitive Perspective
6. The Social-Cultural Perspective
7. The Evolutionary Perspective

PERSPECTIVE	EXPLANATION OF PERSPECTIVE	WHO IS ASSOCIATED WITH IT?	REAL LIFE APPLICATION/ EXAMPLE
Biological			
Psychodynamic			
Behavioral			
Humanistic			
Cognitive			
Sociocultural			
Evolutionary			