

AP Psychology Summer Assignment

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Course Materials

1. **Textbook:** Myer's Psychology for AP by David G. Myers (distributed in class)
2. **Book:** Opening Skinner's Box: Great Psychological Experiments of the Twentieth Century
 - a. Paperback available on Amazon \$10.00
3. 3 – Ring Notebook
4. Notecards
5. **Highly Suggested** - Barron's AP Psychology, 7th Edition ISBN-10: 1438007434
 - a. Can be found really cheap under the "used" section on Amazon

Congratulations on enrolling in one of the most interesting and relevant courses available at the high school level! Although this course is fun and exciting, it is also challenging and rigorous. The summer assignments are provided in order to jump start the course and establish a good foundation in important psychological research. Throughout the course you will be required to read and take through notes from chapters in the textbook and outside sources. Your notes are a product of your individual creation that will require you to reflect on the information you have read focusing on the major topics within each chapter along with the influential research that has impacted each area of psychology. These notes will become excellent reference materials for the unit tests, midterm exam, final exam, and the AP exam. In addition, a ten question book quiz (worth 10 points) will be given for most chapters. Students will be able to use ONLY their notes taken from the chapter assigned. PowerPoint slides and any online resources will not be permitted.

Assignment 1: Unit 1 The Science of Psychology

This assignment will be your first note entry into your notebook or three-ring binder. Using credible psychology resources on the internet or the Barron's AP Psychology book suggested above, explain the concepts and the contributions of the people listed below. The list below comprises key concepts and people we will be referring to throughout the course. You may choose the format of the notes and whether it is typed or handwritten. Bring your notes to class on the second day for an open- note 20 question quiz. Please **highlight the vocabulary words** on your paper

Key People: Area(s) of Study and Contributions to Psychology

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| 1. Abraham Maslow | 9. Margaret Floy Washburn |
| 2. B.F. Skinner | 10. Mary Cover Jones |
| 3. Carl Rogers | 11. Mary Whiton Calkins |
| 4. Edward Titchner | 12. Sigmund Freud |
| 5. G. Stanley Hall | 13. W. Kohler |
| 6. John B. Watson | 14. Wilhelm Wundt |
| 7. K. Koffka | 15. William James |
| 8. M. Wertheimer | |

Psychological Perspective: Basic Beliefs, Assumptions, or Approaches

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| 1. Behaviorism | 7. Humanism |
| 2. Biological | 8. Positive Psychology |
| 3. Cognitive | 9. Psychoanalytic |
| 4. Evolutionary | 10. Social Psychology |
| 5. Functionalism | 11. Structuralism |
| 6. Gestalt | |

Fields of Psychology: Areas of study and application

1. Clinical
2. Counseling
3. Developmental
4. Experimental
5. Industrial & Organizational
6. Personality
7. Physiological
8. Social

Career: What do they do?

1. Academic (Basic Research)
2. APA
3. Applied Research
4. Clinical psychologist
5. Counseling psychologist
6. Psychiatrists
7. Psychoanalyst
8. Psychotherapist
9. School psychologist

Research Methods: Define, List Advantages and Disadvantages, Example

1. Case Study
2. Correlational Research
3. Double-Blind
4. Experimental Research
5. Lab Observation
6. Naturalistic Observation
7. Psychological Tests
8. Single-Blind Study
9. Surveys

Assignment 2: Linking Psychological Concepts to Outside Sources

TED is a nonprofit organization devoted to spreading idea in short, powerful talks in 20 minutes or less. TED is an acronym for technology, entertainment, and design. We have created a list below of TED talks relating to the various concepts within psychology will be discussing throughout the year. From the list, you are to watch FIVE videos of your choosing. After viewing each lecture, you will need to write a one paragraph summary consisting of at least 10 sentences. Your summaries must include your opinion of the talk, terms or concepts you were interested in or had questions about, and what perspective of psychology you feel best ties to the TED talk.

Summaries are to be typed, double spaced, 12 font, Arial font including the title of the TED talk as a heading. The assignment be submitted on the first day of class. **YOU MUST HAVE A PRINTED COPY! EMAILED SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!** In the event a link does not work, please search for the talk in Ted using <http://www.ted.com>

1. [Martin Seligman: New Era of Positive Psychology](#)
2. [Susan Cain: Power of Introverts](#)
3. [Keith Barry: Brain Magic](#)
4. [Angela Lee Duckworth: The Key To Success – Grit](#)
5. [Paul Bloom: Can Prejudice Be a Good Thing](#)
6. [Amy Cuddy: Body Language Shapes Who You Are](#)
7. [Dan Gilbert: Surprise Science of Happiness](#)
8. [Daniel Kahneman: The Riddle of Experience vs Memory](#)
9. [Pamela Meyer: How To Spot A Liar](#)
10. [Ben Ambridge - 10 Myths About Psychology Debunked](#)
11. [Adam Grant: The Surprising Habits of Original Thinkers](#)
12. [Dan Ariely: Our Buggy Moral Code](#)
13. [Beau Lotto: Optical Illusions Show How We See](#)
14. [Chid Kidd: The Art of First Impressions – In Design and Life](#)
15. [Meaghan Ramsey: Why thinking you're ugly is bad for you](#)
16. [Jon Ronson: Strange Answers to the Psychopath Test](#)