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### **AP Psychology Summer Assignment 2019**

Welcome to AP Psychology. I am excited that you have decided to join this class and chose to challenge yourself with the fascinating world of psychology. I am certain that you will find this course worthwhile and personally relevant. Although it is the summer, there is some work to be done to prepare us for the upcoming year and for the AP exam that will be here before you know it.

With that being said, it is imperative that we get a jump start on the AP Psychology curriculum. It is mandatory and in your best interest to complete the summer assignment. Your summer assignment is comprised of **FOUR** assignments. Each assignment will serve a specific purpose that will assist you throughout the school year and aid in your preparations for AP Psychology.

**To have access to the Google Class for the Summer Assignments:**

**Code: [yu4bo7](#)**

The Due Dates for these Summer Assignment will be announced and posted in Google Classroom.

**I do urge everyone to get them done as soon as possible.**

### **Assignment #1 – “Vocabulary will show you the way”**

Define the following vocabulary terms. Once you have defined the vocabulary terms, use your understanding of their definitions to group appropriate terms together and provide a brief rationale for your term groupings/associations. There should be a minimum of 4 groupings. These terms will be utilized during the first unit and will be included in your course assessments and on the AP Psychology Examination.

Psychology  
Empiricism  
Structuralism  
Functionalism  
Applied Research  
Psychiatry  
Natural Selection  
Basic Research  
Nature vs. Nurture Issue  
Biopsychosocial Approach  
Levels of Analysis  
Approaches to Psychology  
    Biological  
    Evolutionary  
    Psychodynamic  
    Behavioral  
    Cognitive  
    Humanistic  
    Sociocultural

### **Assignment #2 – “The Dinner Party”**

Research the ideology and beliefs of 10 of psychology’s most influential individuals. Create a seating arrangement for a dinner party for 10 of the great minds of psychology. Explain and justify your reasons for who sits together in terms of theories and theoretical perspectives.

1. Wilhelm Wundt
2. Sigmund Freud
3. Edward Titchner
4. Abraham Maslow
5. John Watson
6. Charles Darwin
7. Ivan Pavlov
8. B.F. Skinner
9. Carl Rogers
10. William James

### **Assignment #3 – “TED”**

TED is a nonprofit organization devoted to spreading ideas in short, powerful talks in 18 minutes or less. TED is an acronym for technology, entertainment, and design. I have sifted through the psychology section of TED and found 12 “talks” that could be of interest. Of these ten you are to watch any **SIX** of your choosing. After listening to these lectures, you will provide a one paragraph summer of each. Feel free to incorporate your opinion of the talk and discuss terms or ideas you found interesting or confounding.

*Philip Zimbardo: The Psychology of Evil*

*Martin Seligman: New Era of Positive Psychology*

*Elizabeth Loftus: How Reliable is Your Memory*

*Susan Cain: Power of Introverts*

*Keith Barry: Brain Magic*

*Tony Robbins: Why We Do What We Do*

*Angela Lee Duckworth: The Key to Success – Grit*

*Amy Cuddy: Body Language Shapes Who You Are*

*Dan Gilbert: Surprise Science of Happiness*

*Pamela Meyer: How to Spot a Liar*

*Ben Ambridge: 10 Myths About Psychology Debunked*

*Shawn Achor: The Happy Secret to Better Work*

### **Assignment #4 – “Failing to Prepare is Preparing to Fail”**

This assignment is easy. Purchase the supplies for this class before the first day of school. No one likes waiting in the ridiculously long lines at Staples and Target early in September. Buy what you this summer and avoid that scene all together. Or you could be like me and become best friends with Amazon.com. Here is what you will need...

- ❖ A multi-subject notebook or binder (my notes are digital and will be uploaded to Schoology. Students have the choice to either print them out and bring them to class each day or write the

notes. Understand that by writing you must master the art of abbreviating and writing in your own words so you don't fall behind)

- ❖ Index cards – at least 100 (probably more). 3x5 or 4x6, either is ok. Flash cards, although some may see them as juvenile, they are a tried and trusted study method.
- ❖ Marble notebook for our reading journals and case studies analysis.
- ❖ 5 Steps to a 5: AP Psychology Review Book. We will be using this review book throughout the year in various ways. You are encouraged to begin reviewing on your own as early as possible.

***Late assignments will be penalized. I can be reached at [ireid@sewanhaka.k12.ny.us](mailto:ireid@sewanhaka.k12.ny.us) if you have any questions and/or concerns. I look forward to working with all of you this September.***

***Keep in mind that psychology is everywhere. Everything we do, think, and feel can be related back to psychology. This class will benefit you both inside and outside of the classroom. Have a great summer!***