



AP Psychology
Summer Assignments (2018-19)
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Welcome to AP Psychology! I absolutely love teaching this course! AP Psychology is the equivalent of a college or university, “Introduction to Psychology”, course where we will consider the systematic and scientific study of the behavior and mental processes of human beings and explore the question “How do psychologists think?” This is a survey course where we will explore areas including research methods used in psychology, the biology of behavior, sensation and perception, states of consciousness, learning, cognition and memory, motivation and emotion, developmental psychology, personality, intelligence and testing, psychological disorders and treatment, and social psychology. To get the most out of class time when school begins in the fall, all students must complete a ***two-part*** summer assignment. The assignment is due on the first day of class in the fall (September 4th).

Part 1: Chapter 1 Psychology’s History and Approaches:

- A. The textbook we will be using is **Myers Psychology for AP, 2nd edition**. I will be giving you a copy of the textbook on the first day of school or stop in before school ends and I can give you your copy.
- B. Read Unit 1 in the textbook, Myers Psychology for AP, 2nd edition (pages 1-25). I attached a PDF of the Unit on Schoolology.
- C. Complete the Guided Reading packet (on Schoolology), please write neatly.
- D. Complete multiple-choice questions 1-15 on page 26-27. On the back of the Guided Reading packet, write the question number, followed by your answer choice (letter) and ***an explanation as to why you chose that answer.***

Part 2: AP Psychology Summer Reading Assignment:

-Pick any book off the attached approved AP Psychology summer reading books. All books have a brief synopsis (from Goodreads). If you have another book you would like, simply email me for approval of the book you wish to read.

When you have finished reading, I would like you to write a 2-3 typed page paper in which you share your reactions to the book. As you write, think about the following:

- Provide a brief summary of the book including why you picked the book.
- What is your overall reaction of to the book?
- Pick pieces that you found particularly informative/interesting and discuss what about each you enjoyed or maybe didn't enjoy. This would be a great place to include specific examples of what you learned or how what you read could be applied to your life.
- What has this book done for your knowledge of/interest in psychology?
- Would you recommend this book to a friend? Would you recommend that this book be used again in a summer reading assignment? Why or why not?

Something to remember, in all papers and essay-not just this one, I am a big fan of using specific examples in writing. This is also true of the FRQ/Essay portion of the AP exam, using specific examples is the best way to get points (and not using them is the best way not to get points).