**AP PSYCHOLOGY: INFORMATION & SUMMER ASSIGNMENT ~ 2021**

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Dear Student:

**Congratulations** on your course selection of Advanced Placement Psychology. You have made a wise yet demanding choice. You will have the opportunity to find out what makes people tick and have a better understanding of yourself as well. I have high expectations for this class and demand students who are willing to put in the required effort necessary to succeed. **My goal is for every student enrolled in the class to take the AP Exam in May, giving you the chance to earn college credit. That requires dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work on both our parts**.

AP Psychology is a year-long course comprised of nine extensive units which will introduce you to the systematic and scientific study of human behavior and mental processes

The purpose of the summer assignment is to introduce you to the field of psychology and to get you a head start on the curriculum. This assignment will be worth 20 product points and due

Topics we will study include:

1.   Scientific Foundations of Psychology

1. Biological Bases of Behavior
2. Sensation and Perception
3. Learning
4. Cognition (Memory, Thinking, Problem Solving, Creativity and Language)
5. Developmental Psychology
6. Motivation, Emotion, and Personality
7. Clinical Psychology
8. Social Psychology

Here is what you can expect in this course…

* A lot of independent reading from the text and selected primary sources
* A great deal of class discussion, lecture, and interactive demonstrations/labs
* Practice tests that will prepare you for the May exam
* Projects (group and individual) that will help you apply course material
* Almost every night you will have a reading to do to prepare yourself for the next class in which you are required to take notes. The following class I will either check your notes to ensure you did it, or I will give a quiz based on the reading.
* I promise that I will do MY best to prepare you in the best way I know!

By the end of the year you will be better critical thinkers and will have mastered the content of Introductory Psychology at the college level!

Good luck,

Mr. Sherman

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**AP Psychology – Guided Reading**

**Directions:** Read the pages in the textbook and answer the following questions in a detailed response. Copy and pasting from the book is unacceptable and will be marked wrong. Put it into your own words.

1. What is the main difference between Aristotle and Socrates and Plato’s view on philosophy?
2. Who was Wilhelm Wundt?
3. Who established the first U.S. laboratory for psychology purposes?
4. What is structuralism? What are the main ideas? Who was/were the big believers of this perspective?
5. What is functionalism? What are the main ideas? Who was/were the big believers of this perspective?
6. What impact did Mary Whiton Calkins have on psychology?
7. What impact did Margaret Floy Washburn have on Psychology?
8. What is behaviorism? What are the main ideas? Who was/were the big believers of this perspective?
9. What is psychoanalytic psychology?
10. What is humanistic psychology?
11. What is cognitive psychology?
12. How can we best define psychology today?
13. Explain the nature-nurture issue
14. What is natural selection? Who coined this idea? What type of psychology does it relate to?
15. What is evolutionary psychology? What are the big ideas? Who was/were the big believers of this perspective?
16. What is positive psychology?
17. What is the biopsychosocial approach?
18. What are the focuses and sample questions from each approach?

**Biological**

Focus:

Sample Questions:

**Evolutionary**

Focus:

Sample Questions:

**Psychodynamic**

Focus:

Sample Questions:

**Behavioral**

Focus:

Sample Questions:

**Cognitive**

Focus:

Sample Questions:

**Humanistic**

Focus:

Sample Questions:

**Socio-cultural**

Focus:

Sample Questions

1. What are Educational psychologists​?
2. What are Experimental Psychologists?
3. What are Personality psychologists​?
4. What are Social psychologists?
5. What are Psychometric and quantitative psychologists​?

**Describe the following subfields/jobs that conduct applied research​– tackles practical problems**

Industrial­organizational psychologists​–

Community psychologists­

Health psychologists​–

Forensic Psychologists­

Counseling psychologists​–

Clinical psychologists​–

Neuropsychologists­

School psychologists­

Sport psychologists­

Psychiatrists​­

**Part II: The Moms & Dads of Psychology**

**Directions**: Research the following major historical figures in psychology using brittanica.com. Sign in to my account for this class. The email/username is tsherman@ccboe.com password: Psychology1!. Identify why these people are significant to the field of psychology. Type your answer in the document.

1. **Dads**:

Charles Darwin

William Wundt

Edward Titchener

William James

G. Stanley Hall

John B. Watson

Sigmund Freud

Carl Rogers

Ivan Pavlov

Jean Piaget

B.F. Skinner

John Watson

1. **Moms**:

Mary Calkins

Margaret Floy Washburn

Dorothea Dix