

AP Psychology
Summer Reading Assignments
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Objective: AP Psychology is designed as an introductory study of the behavior and mental processes of human beings and other animals. Students will gain exposure to a multitude of psychological principles, theories, phenomena, facts, and experiments that are associated with the major sub fields of psychology. This is a rigorous course that culminates with the AP exam in May. To prepare for the coming year, these summer assignments will introduce you to the science and scope of psychology, including one of our most complex topics, the interaction between brain structures and behavior.

Assignment 1: Forty Studies That Changed Psychology: Explorations into the History of Psychological Research, Fifth Edition, by Roger R. Hock.

- The history of psychology is no different from other sciences. There has been psychological research that has had remarkable and lasting effects on the various disciplines that comprise the science we call psychology. The findings generated from these studies have changed our knowledge of human behavior, and they have set the stage for countless subsequent projects and research programs. The findings from these studies continue to be cited in new articles, they continue to be the topic of academic discussion, they continue to form the foundation for your textbook chapters, and they continue to hold a special place in the minds of psychologists all over the world.
- There are ten sections in the book that cover several main topics in psychology: 1) biology and human behavior, 2) perception and consciousness, 3) learning and conditioning, 4) intelligence, cognition and memory, 5) human development, 6) emotion and motivation, 7) personality, 8) psychopathology, 9) psychotherapy, and 10) social psychology.
- Each section contains four individual studies related to that topic. You must read and analyze one study from each section. You must complete a 1-page analysis for each study. When typing each analysis, use the following format:
 - Section Title:
 - Study Title:
 - Researchers:
 - Date(s) of Research:
 - Reason you chose this study:
 - Subject Matter:
 - Hypothesis:
 - Major Findings:
 - Criticisms:

Personal Reaction: include in this section why you think this study has been included as one of the “forty studies that changed psychology”

- This assignment will count as two test grades. It must be typed and should be submitted via email or placed in my mailbox in the main office by Tuesday, August 10. If sending via email, the subject of your email should read: AP Psych Summer Assignment.

Assignment 2: Textbook reading assignments

- Read and outline chapters 1 and 2.
- Answer the reading questions for each chapter. Each set of questions counts as a homework grade and will be collected during the first week of school.
- You will take a quiz on chapter 1 during the first week of school and will be able to use your outline.
- If you have any questions please see me before the end of the school year (room 106) or email me over the summer. **When sending me an email, please include your name in the subject.**