

AP Psychology 2019-2020 Summer Assignment

Welcome... You have signed up to take AP Psychology next year 2019-2020. As instructors of Psychology we hope to peak your interest and your academic curiosity as we work our way through a demanding course.

SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT:

*Blink: The Power of Thinking without Thinking**

By: Malcolm Gladwell

(Available on Overdrive)

*Students will be responsible for obtaining their own copy of the book.

A limited number of copies will be available in rooms 309 or 310 until June 14th.

Part I: Read the text. Think about parts that you thought were intriguing or stood out or maybe you had never thought about.

Part II: Write three one page journal entries. Each entry should be about a different incidence over the summer in which you observed/experienced something that was similar to what Gladwell discusses or in which you thought about Blink and then assessed a situation differently.

Part III: What are your reactions to this book? Did you like it or not? What are some of the things you might criticize or believe should be researched more? (Length of this is not predetermined... feel free to write away.)

- This is not a formal book review but a personal assessment of how this book either did or did not make you think!
- The journal entries and book assessment/review are to be submitted as one document in four parts to Turnitin.com. Turnitin accepts only one download so consolidate your documents. You will be given Turnitin.com info on the first day of class.
- This assignment is worth a total of 40 points, 10 points each for the three journal entries and 10 for your assessment of the book.

RUBRIC for each entry

Exceeds expectations: The student understands not only the objective but also the implications of the assignment. The student makes strong arguments for their observation (s) and makes outstanding and creative links between the event and the book. 8-10 points

Meets expectations: The student understands the objective of the assignment. They create supporting detail that shows a link from the book to their observations with analysis that shows an understanding of the topic 6-8 points
Meets some expectations The student requires additional explanations to show an understanding of the assignment. The observations lack some connections to the book and leave the reader with questions about the topics chosen. 4-6 points

Approaching expectations: The student misinterprets significant elements of the assignment and provides limited connection between the observations and the book. Shows limited motivation or understanding of the assignment. 1-3 points

Your teacher will post the Turnitin.com instructions on the first day of school.

No hard copy of this paper is required

Summer Checklist:

_____ actively read Blink

_____ 3 one page journal entries + response to book

_____ Send to turnitin.com by the end of the first week of school