

AP Psychology

Summer Assignment 2019

Intro

Welcome to AP Psychology! Of all the courses taught in high school, I believe that this (and maybe, ahem, Personal Finance) will be the most relevant to your daily life. In order to help me prepare, and to get to know you a little better, please send an email by 7/31 to mthomas@saintjohnsprep.org with the Subject line: AP Psych Intro <Your Name> and include the following information:

1. Your name and any preferred nicknames
2. Your grade in 2019-2020
3. Extracurricular involvement outside of school – hobbies, interests
4. Do you have a job, where and does it interest you
5. Why are you taking this course
6. What topics are you most looking forward to/are hoping to be covered in this course
7. Your all-time favorite book, movie and musical artist
8. Are you enrolled in any other AP courses during this year or have you taken any others previously
9. What was your favorite class last year and why
10. Anything else you wish to share
11. A working email for either or both of your parents and their names

Class Prep

To help yourself be prepared to jump right in at the start of the school year, please do the following:

1. Join the AP Psych class on Google Classroom, with code [pqveqhi](#)
2. Complete the summer assignment as outlined below.
3. Procure the following materials:
 - a. Textbook: *Myers Psychology for AP, 2nd edition* (ISBN: 1464113076)*
 - b. Dedicated notebook, preferably one with a folder for handouts
 - c. AP Prep book: *5 Steps to a 5* (ISBN: 1260455858)**

*For both books, digital version is acceptable.

**This will not be released until August of 2019.

Before the First Day

Part 1: Textbook Reading

Read Unit 1 in your Myers textbook (Modules 1-3, Psychology's History and Approaches).

Take some form of notes, whatever you feel is most beneficial to YOU. This could be a chapter outline, vocabulary notecards, a mind map or some other way of rehearsing the material in written form. Pay special attention to the bold vocabulary words (much of this course will involve DEFINING and APPLYING terms that are new to you). Also note any famous psychologists mentioned and their accomplishments.

You will be able to use these notes to complete an open-note quiz on this material on the first day of class (9/3/19). Notes will be collected after the quiz.

Part 2: Actual Interesting Psychology Stuff, but still, alas, Involving Work

Below is a carefully curated list of podcasts geared towards introducing you to some important concepts in psychology. You are required to choose two of the podcasts to listen to and analyze. All podcasts can be found on iTunes, free apps (I use Overcast), or at the links provided for each podcast. For EACH podcast you must complete a Podcast Response and Analysis Sheet (template on Google classroom). This section must be typed. Please submit your responses via Google Classroom by 9/6.

Podcast Options

1. Freakonomics - 5 Psychology Terms You're Probably Misusing
 1. <http://freakonomics.com/podcast/misused-psychology-terms/>
2. Sawbones – Phrenology
 1. <http://www.maximumfun.org/sawbones/sawbones-phrenology>
3. Sigmund Freud (I & II)
 1. <https://player.fm/series/the-story-of-psychology/sgmund-freud-part-1>,
<https://player.fm/series/the-story-of-psychology/sgmund-freud-part-2>
4. Psychoanalysis: A Contemporary Treatment?
 1. <http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/allinthemind/psychoanalysis/6757820>
5. Behaviorism
 1. <https://player.fm/series/the-story-of-psychology/behaviorism>
6. The Cognitive Movement
 1. <https://player.fm/series/the-story-of-psychology/the-cognitive-movement>,
<https://player.fm/series/the-story-of-psychology/the-cognitive-movement-p-art-2>
7. What is Forensic Psychology Really All About?

1. <https://player.fm/series/the-psych-files/1-ep-294-what-is-forensic-psychology-really-all-about>
8. RadioLab - Oliver Sacks: A Journey from Where to Where
 1. <http://www.radiolab.org/story/oliver-sacks-journey-where-to-where/>
9. Little Albert's Real Identity - Time to Rewrite the Textbooks
 1. <https://player.fm/series/the-psych-files/ep-223-little-alberts-real-identity-time-to-rewrite-the-textbooks>
10. Hidden Brain - The Scientific Process
 1. <https://www.npr.org/2016/05/24/477921050/when-great-minds-think-unlike-inside-sciences-replication-crisis>
11. Planet Money - The Experiment Experiment
 1. <https://www.npr.org/sections/money/2016/01/15/463237871/episode-677-the-experiment-experiment>
12. Why Replications Sometimes Don't Agree with the Original Study
 1. <https://player.fm/series/the-psych-files/ep-246-why-replications-sometimes-dont-agree-with-the-original-study>
13. SYSK - How the Placebo Effect Works
 1. <https://www.stuffyoushouldknow.com/podcasts/how-the-placebo-effect-works.htm>
14. SYSK - What Are False Positives?
 1. <https://www.stuffyoushouldknow.com/podcasts/what-are-false-positives.htm>
15. Personal Space Invasions – Ethical Implications of one of Psychology's Strangest Studies
 1. <http://www.thepsychfiles.com/2008/09/episode-69-personal-space-invasions-ethics-of-psychologys-strangest-study/>
16. Stuff You Missed in History Class: The Tuskegee Syphilis Study
 1. <https://www.missedinhistory.com/podcasts/tuskegee-syphilis-study.htm>
17. RadioLab - Henrietta Lacks
 1. <http://www.radiolab.org/story/91716-henriettas-tumor/>