

AP Psychology Summer Assignment 2020

Welcome to AP Psychology! I am certain that you will find this course fascinating and personally relevant. **Please note, AP Psychology is an elective, college-level course with higher expectations than most courses taken by high school students.**

With that being said, it is important that we get a jumpstart on the AP Psychology curriculum. It is mandatory and in your best interest to complete this summer assignment. **Your summer assignment is comprised of THREE mini-assignments.** Each assignment will serve a specific purpose that will assist you throughout the school year and aid in your preparation for the AP Exam in May.

Assignment #1 - "Introduce Yourself" (Due on 8/20)

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.WHST.11-12.4 - Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

This assignment is designed for me to get to know you prior to the beginning of our school year. **This assignment is to be uploaded to our Google Classroom site on or before August 20th.** In this letter, you are to use well-written, complete sentences; do not abbreviate words, (i.e. language you would use on Twitter, text messages, the hallway, etc.), and lastly, use spellcheck. This is a professional communication similar to what you would use with a college professor or employer.

- * Upload your letter to our AP Psychology Google Classroom (Class Code = ayeauji)
- * In the body of the letter, please answer the following...
 - * Introduce yourself.
 - * What are your hobbies? What do you like to do for fun?
 - * What extracurricular activities are you involved or planning to be involved in?
 - * Do you have a job? What is it? Do you like it? Is this something you would like to continue as a career?
 - * What are your goals/plans after school?
 - * Why are you taking AP Psychology? What are you looking forward to in this class? What areas of psychology interest you?
 - * Are you enrolled in other AP courses? Have you taken other AP courses throughout your high school career?
 - * What else should I know about you so that I have insight into you as a person before the next school year begins?

Assignment #2 - "TED" - (Due on our first day of class)

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.WHST.11-12.9 - Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. APA High School Standards 1.1; 1.2 - Development of psychology as an empirical science; Major subfields within psychology

The second assignment will incorporate technology. TED is a nonprofit organization devoted to spreading ideas in short, powerful talks in eighteen minutes or less. TED is an acronym for technology, entertainment, and design. I have sifted through the psychology section of TED and found three interesting "talks." Please view all three TED Talks. After listening to these three lectures, please provide a **two-paged, typed, double-spaced** summary and analysis for the ONE LECTURE that you enjoyed the most. Please also incorporate your opinion of the talk and discuss terms you were interested in, as well as terms you were unsure about. This assignment is due on the first day that our course meets. Please upload your finished essay to Google Classroom, and also print a hardcopy of your essay for our first in-person class together.

TED Talk Titles:

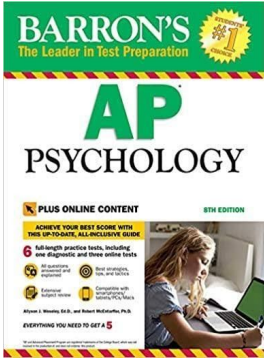
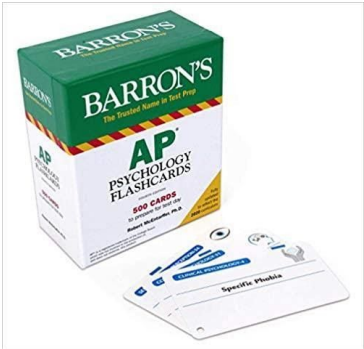
- Susan Cain: Power of Introverts
- Amy Cuddy: Body Language Shapes Who You Are
- Shawn Achor: The Happy Secret to Better Work

Assignment #3 - “Failing to Prepare Is Preparing to Fail” (Due the first day of class)

3A: This assignment is easy. Purchase your supplies for this class before the first day of school.

Here is what you will need...

- A three-ring binder at least two inches thick for AP Psychology only – do not share with other subjects
- Loose-leaf paper for your three-ring binder
- A Quizlet account
- Join our AP Psychology Google Classroom

<i>Highly Recommended Additional Supplies</i>	
<i>Barron's AP Psychology 8th Edition Book</i>	<i>Barron's AP Psychology 3rd Edition Flashcards</i>
	

Due dates are not negotiable and no credit is earned for late assignments. I can be reached at slacombe@stoningtonschools.org if you have any questions and/or concerns.

I look forward to working with all of you!

Keep in mind that psychology is everywhere. Everything we do, think, and feel can be related to psychology.

Have a great summer!

~ Ma. LaCombe