

AP Psychology Summer Reading Assignment

Book: Everybody Lies: Big Data, New Data, and What the Internet Can Tell Us About Who We Really Are; by Seth Stephens-Davidowitz

Rules: Read the book. You must turn in your own work. You are allowed to discuss your thoughts about the book with other students, but you need to write your own work.

Assignment: We will discuss the book at the beginning of the year and there will be a small quiz over the general information of the book, concepts, main motifs, etc. If you read the book, you should not need to study for the quiz. The assignment is composed of 3 parts:

- 1) Read the book.
- 2) While reading the book this summer, think about your recent google searches. You may even want to keep a list in your phone's notes apps of random/embarrassing/stupid/interesting google searches you have made this summer. Think about what you are looking up and if you would be honest on a survey (which is a common research tool used in psychology) or more honest on the internet.
- 3) Due the first Monday we return from school (August 23, 2021) turn a reflection that addressed your take on the following questions:
 - a) Does everybody lie?
 - b) Why do you think people lie?
 - c) Do people only lie to other people, or do people lie to themselves as well?
 - d) Do you think lying differs between different cultures? Give 2 specific examples of a reason why the lying rate might be higher in America than in other countries OR argue that lying is the same in all cultures and support your argument with 2 specific examples.
 - e) If people lie on surveys, can we accurately use surveys to study psychology?
 - f) Tell me what the most interesting part/aspect of the book was to you and why.
- 4) Your paper should be in APA format (use owl.purdue/the internet to see what APA format is, I will not be super strict if format is not correct, but in psychology we use APA format, which we will talk about in more detail during the year, so go ahead and familiarize yourself with APA). The paper should be between 500-1,500 words. Doubled spaces, Time New Roman 12 pt font, etc. (which is also part of APA format). Paper should be printed and turned in or shared with my apps account by 3:30 PM on Monday August 23th. The quiz will also take place on this day, August 23th.
- 5) If you have any questions over the summer, feel free to email me:
kinsey.peterson@stratford.org.

I am looking forward to having you in AP Psychology next year and I hope you are looking forward to the class! ---Ms. Peterson