

Welcome AP Psychology students!

I am Mrs. Maples, and I am very excited to be entering into the 8th year of AP psychology at Bishop Kenny. One thing that the past two tumultuous years of school have taught me is that really getting to know students leads to greater success in the classroom. While having the school year cut short due to COVID in 2020, and then I left in March 2021 for the birth of our third baby, I was reminded that strong relationships are paramount to success in the classroom. That being said, I would like to use this summer reading/watching assignment to get to know you a bit better, and to ease you into the beautiful world of psychology.

For this assignment you need to do the following:

1. Choose any character from a movie, book, or television show. In 250-350 words describe this character. Start with their demographics and biological traits (IE, age, gender, race). Include their family, their social circle, their positive traits, their negative traits, include any talents, addictions, or secrets they have. This is your first time writing a case study.

One of the biggest debates in psychology, and something that is always covered on the AP exam is the difference between nature and nurture. Nature is the part of our personality that comes from our genetics. Nurture is the part of our personality that comes from our environment. For the following part of the assignment you will dive into nature and nurture.

2. Write 250 words describing what parts of the person come from their nature, and who they come from. Please do not make all of these physical. For example, David gets his highly emotional personality from his father.
3. Write 250 words describing what parts of the person come from their nurture. For example, Sally chose to become a Buddhist despite her family's strong Catholic faith.

That is all! I look forward to learning more about your interests, and I am excited for a FULL year of AP Psychology together.

The assignment is due the first day of class and will be a project grade. You will submit a hard copy.

Please let me know if you have any questions: maplesa@bishopkenny.net

Thank you,
Mrs. Maples