



Coombe Wood Year 12 Bridging Work

SUBJECT: A-Level Psychology

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We recommend you purchase the following textbook for this subject area: AQA

Psychology for A Level Year 1 & AS Student Book: 2nd Edition

All bridging work must be completed by 17/9 and forms part of your Pupil Passport at Coombe Wood Sixth Form.

Studying Psychology at Coombe Wood you will work towards the A-Level Psychology with AQA exam board. The following summer Bridge Work will give you an overview of the main approaches in psychology that you will cover next year (Biological, Cognitive, Social, Behaviourism and Psychodynamic approach)

Books

- AQA Psychology for A Level Year 1 & AS Student Book: 2nd Edition
- The Psychology Book: Big Ideas Explained Simply – Nigel Benson
- The man who mistook his wife for a hat – Oliver Sacks
- Psychology: The Science of Mind and Behaviour by Richard D. Gross

Podcasts

- BBC Radio 4 All in the Mind - *exploring the limits and potential of the human mind.*

Websites

- The British Psychological Society - <https://www.bps.org.uk/public/what-is-psychology>
- The Sigmund Freud Museum - <https://www.freud.org.uk/learn/discover-sigmund-freud/life-and-work/>

Introduction to Psychology

Watch the following introduction to psychology video.

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=what+psychology+and+it+is+important+for+society+youtube&&view=detail&mid=448B23BD193A103AA4EC448B23BD193A103AA4EC&&FORM=VDRVSR>

Task 1: What is Psychology the study of?
Why is Psychology important for society?
Which jobs would you apply for if you did a Psychology degree?

Social Psychology

Watch the Milgram Experiment on Obedience
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W147ybOdgpE>

Questions to consider having watched the video.

1. Why was Milgram interested in studying obedience?
2. What factors do you think make people obey? Do the same factors lead everyone to obey in the same way?
3. In which way was this experiment important for society?
4. In which way was this experiment unethical?
5. Would you carry out an experiment like this? If so, would you change anything to make it more ethical? What would you change?

Task 2

Behaviourism

What is classical conditioning?

Watch the video and answer the following questions:

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=pavlov%27s+experiment+youtube&docid=608043420767101694&mid=BC92DBAEE44E2F7F0959BC92DBAEE44E2F7F0959&view=detail&FORM=VIRE>

1. Explain what the neutral stimulus was in Pavlov's experiment.
2. What was the conditioned stimulus that produced salivation after conditioning?
3. How did the conditioned stimulus produce salivation?
4. Why did Pavlov use a dog in his experiment and not any other animal?
5. Do you think this experiment is ethical and why?

Task 3

Psychodynamic approach (Sigmund Freud)

Freud was the father of psychoanalysis and has a big influence in psychology. In North London is the Freud Museum, and they have a great website that offers a virtual tour.

To visit the museum, go onto the Freud Website and take a virtual tour of the Museum.

<https://www.freud.org.uk/visit/virtual-tour/> (virtual tour).

Next, read about Freud:

<https://www.freud.org.uk/learn/discover-sigmund-freud/life-and-work/>

1. How was mental illness explained by Freud?

Task 4

Biological Psychology

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=how+the+brain+communicates+with+the+external+world+youtube&docid=608021018215935773&mid=20571FA95F77601643CF20571FA95F77601643CF&view=detail&FORM=VIRE>

1. How does our brain communicate with the external world?
2. Is reality what our senses perceive or what the real world is?
3. Why do you think the perception someone has about you may be different from your own perception about yourself?

Task 5

Criminal Psychology

Prof A. Raine on Serial Killers <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pc4j9STclRk>
Questions to consider having watched the video.

1. Are some people predisposed to criminal behaviour? Why?
2. If so, can they be held criminally responsible for their actions?
3. If you could ask two questions to Prof A. Raine, what would they be?

Task 6

Cognitive Psychology

Watch the following video about the case of Clive Wearing.

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=clive+wearing&docid=608032395585609237&mid=23D984D628782B0213C123D984D628782B0213C1&view=detail&FORM=VIRE>

1. What happened to him?

2. What can he remember and what can he not remember?
3. How can you explain that he remembers how to play the piano, but he can't remember what he did 7 seconds ago?

Read the following articles on short-term memory and long-term memory and answer the following questions about Clive wearing:

<https://www.tutor2u.net/psychology/reference/episodic-procedural-and-semantic-memory>

<https://www.simplypsychology.org/short-term-memory.html>

1. What type of memory was affected in Clive Wearing's case?
2. How case studies like this improve our understanding of how our memory works?
3. What would be the limitations of the findings from case studies like this?