



AP Psychology
Summer 2026 Assignment
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Congratulations on choosing AP Psychology! I am looking forward to a fascinating year that fuels a lifelong interest in the fascinating field of the human mind and behavior. It is my strong belief that this class will be an enriching and enjoyable experience.

With that being said, it is imperative that we get a jump start on the AP Psychology curriculum. It is mandatory to complete the summer assignment. Your summer assignment consists of **ONE** mini-assignment. This assignment will serve a specific purpose that will assist you throughout the school year and aid in your preparations for May. This assignment should be completed by the first day of class. Please print legibly! Typed work will not be accepted.

1. First and foremost, please purchase a physical copy of
 - a. [Myers' Psychology for the Ap\(r\) Course Third Edition by David Myers \(Author\), C. Nathan DeWall \(Author\).](#)
 - i. The textbook is needed DAILY in class. No Ebooks. Used books cost under **\$5.00**.
2. Purchase TWO [Five Star Spiral Notebook + Study App, 1 Subject, College Ruled Paper, 8.5" x 11", 100 Sheets](#)
3. [Assignment #1 – TED TALKS](#) 

TED is a nonprofit organization devoted to spreading ideas in short, powerful talks in 18 minutes or less. TED is an acronym for technology, entertainment, and design. I have sifted through the psychology section of TED and found 12 “talks” that could be of interest. Of these twelve you are to watch any **SIX** of your choosing. After listening to these lectures, you will provide a one paragraph summary of each. Feel free to incorporate your opinion of the talk and discuss terms or ideas you found interesting or confounding.

Philip Zimbardo: The Psychology of Evil

Dan Ariely: Are We in Control of Our Own Decisions?

Elizabeth Loftus: How Reliable is Your Memory

Susan Cain: Power of Introverts

Emily Esfahani Smith: There's More to Life Than Being Happy

Kang Lee: Can You Really Tell if a Kid is Lying?

Angela Lee Duckworth: Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance

Amy Cuddy: Body Language Shapes Who You Are

Dan Gilbert: Surprise Science of Happiness

Pamela Meyer: How to Spot a Liar

Ben Ambridge: 10 Myths About Psychology Debunked

Kelly McGonigal: How to Make Stress Your Friend

**Late assignments will not be accepted. I look forward to working with
all of you this August. Have a great summer!**

**The more you know yourself, the more patience
you have for what you see in others.**

Erik Erikson