Park Vista High School

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PSYCHOLOGY – Summer Assignment

Ms. Gilbert (lisa.gilbert@palmbeachschools.org)does not have a required summer assignment. However, I do believe students will be better prepared to understand the terminology and concepts covered in AP Psychology if they have pre-knowledge of human behaviors that will be addressed in the course throughout the year. Instructor and students will use vivid examples from films and television shows to illustrate concepts that are covered in class. Films and television series are an important source of information which transcend basic facts and allow students to apply learned theories and concepts to "real life" situations.

The following film list is recommended viewing for AP Psychology. Previous students have commented that such a list would have been helpful in their preparation for taking AP Psychology since many concepts discussed in class can be related to films on this list. Please note that it IS NOT a requirement to view these films; this is simply a list of films recommended by many AP Psychology teachers and students. Also realize that these movies do represent "Hollywood's" depiction of certain situations and thus should not be taken literally, but they will provide the student with a base on which to start to draw and build on.

Due to the graphic nature of some topics of Psychology and real life, some films are given a "PG-13 or R" rating and may require a parent's review before student viewing. Parents and students are encouraged to visit the following Internet sites for further information on the content and ratings of films that appear on this list:

1. www.filmratings.com 2. www.amazon.com

Agoraphobia
- **Nim's Island-PG**

Alcoholism and Codependency: Substance-Related Disorders
- **When a Man Loves a Woman – R**
- **28 Days – PG-13**
- **Leaving Las Vegas – Strong R**
- **Requiem for a Dream (Drugs Psychosis) – strong R and unrated versions**

Amnestic Disorders: *Anterograde Amnesia*
- **Memento -- R**
- **50 First Dates -- PG-13**

Dissociative Fugue/Psychogenic Fugue
- **The Majestic – PG**
- **The Long Kiss Goodnight – R**

Memory/Forgetting (general)
- **Overboard – PG**
- **While You Were Sleeping – PG**
- **Autism**
- **Rainman – R**
- **Radio-PG**

Borderline Personality Disorder
Girl, Interrupted-R

Brain Injury
Regarding Henry -- PG-13
Raging Bull -- R

Classical Conditioning
The Mighty Joe Young -- PG

Culture
The Terminal –PG13
Dances With Wolves-PG13

Dementia and Alzheimers
On Golden Pond – PG
The Notebook – PG-13

Dissasociative Identity Disorder (Multiple Personality)
Sybil – Not Rated
Three Faces of Eve – Not Rated
Identity – R
Split – PG 13

Emotional Intelligence
Inside Out-PG

Genetics (Social Psychology)
Gattaca – PG-13

Gender Differences, Gender Roles, Gender Schema Theory
Courage Under Fire – R
Boys Don't Cry – R
Tootsie – PG-13
The Crying Game – R

Group Think/Conformity/Social Psychology
Powder – PG-13
Shawshank Redemption – R

History
A Dangerous Method

Humanism/Self-Actualization
The Pursuit of Happyness-PG 13

Hypnosis
The Manchurian Candidate – R

Imprinting
Fly Away Home – PG

Institutionalization
Nuts – R
One Flew Over the Cuckoos Nest – R
The Changeling – R
Shutter Island - R

In Groups/Out Groups
The Breakfast Club-R
Mean Girls-PG 13

Internal/External Locus of Control
Schindler's List – R
Men of Honor – R

Language Development
Nell – PG-13

Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs
Alive – R

Mood Disorders and Schizophrenia
A Beautiful Mind- R
Me, Myself & Irene – R

Misery – R
Silver Linings - R

Nature Versus Nurture
Trading Places – R
Twins – PG

Naturalistic Observation
Never Been Kissed-PG13
Cats-PG
Chimpanzee-G

Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder
As Good As It Gets – PG-13
The Aviator – R

Operant Conditioning & Reinforcement
Liar Liar – PG-13

Personality Disorders. (Histrionic, Borderline, Antisocial)
The Banger Sisters – R
Silence of the Lambs – R
Monster – R
Girl, Interrupted -R

Prejudice, Ethnocentrism
American History X –strong R.
Remember The Titans-PG
Guess Who-PG13

Role Playing
The Stanford Prison Study-not rated

Schizophrenia
A Beautiful Mind – PG-13
Benny and Joon – PG
The Soloist – PG-13
The Fisher King-R

Personification
Cast Away-PG13

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
The Deer Hunter – R
Sophie's Choice – R
In The Valley of Elah – R
What Dreams May Come-PG13

Sleep/Dreams/Narcolepsy
The Cell – R
My Own Private Idaho – Strong R
Rat Race – PG
Donnie Darko – R, (Therapy, Science fiction

Sternberg's Triangular Theory of Love:
Mirror Has 2 Faces – PG-13

Stress and Coping, Type A Personality
Horse-Whisperer – PG-13

Subliminal Perception,
Fight Club – R (Psychosis, Lack of REM Sleep)

Treatments with associated disorders
Good Will Hunting – R (Avoidant Personality Disorder)
Ordinary People – R (Depression/Family Dysfunctions)
Annie Hall – R (Generalized Anxiety Disorder)
What About Bob – PG-13 (Hypcondririasis)

Analyze This (treatment or Anxiety disorders)
Patch Adams-PG13 (medical model)

Recommended Books:

The Park Vista AP Psychology recommends the novel:

“A Quiet Room” by Lori Schiller with Amanda Bennett

“From Library Journal”

Diagnosed as schizophrenic at age 23, Schiller spent the next seven years in and out of mental institutions. This account draws upon her diaries as well as interviews with her family, friends, and doctors.

“Forty Studies That Changed Psychology”.