

AP Psychology
Summer Assignment
Mr. Peterson

Welcome to AP Psychology! It's great that you are interested in this subject. In Psychology, we'll be examining people and their ideas, as well as the inner functions of the mind and brain. To get you started, and to make sure you are interested in, and ready for, this comprehensive and challenging topic, I've created a series of tasks for you to complete this summer. This will provide you with some introductory insight into the field of Psychology, as well as let you know what you are getting into. You will need to email these to me by the first day of school. They will be a substantial grade, and part of what I use when I decide whether or not you should stay in Psychology. **The other part of that consideration is a unit test we'll take the first week of class, which will reflect your understanding of the 25 important psychologists and 50 important terms in psychology.** It's vital that you complete these tasks, or you may find yourself out of the class! It's recommended you complete these tasks in the order I present them; they build upon each other to grant further understanding. Please email me at mpeterson@tmsacademy.org if you have any questions!

AP Psychology Summer Assignment #1 The first assignment will incorporate some technology. TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) is a nonprofit organization devoted to spreading ideas in short, powerful talks. 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 THREE of your choosing. After listening to these lectures, you will provide a one paragraph summary OF EACH LECTURE consisting of at least seven sentences. Feel free to incorporate your opinion of the talk and discuss terms you were interested in, as well as terms you were unsure about. This assignment is to be emailed to me on the first day of class.

Philip Zimbardo: The Psychology of Evil
Martin Seligman: New Era of Positive Psychology
Elizabeth Loftus: How Reliable Is Your Memory
Susan Cain: Power of Introverts
Keith Barry: Brain Magic
Tony Robbins: Why We Do What We Do
Angela Lee Duckworth: Grit - The Power of Passion and Perseverance

Amy Cuddy: Your Body Language May Shape Who You Are
Dan Gilbert: The Surprising Science of Happiness
Pamela Meyer: How To Spot A Liar
Ben Ambridge - 10 Myths About Psychology Debunked
Shawn Achor: The Happy Secret To Better Work

AP Psychology Summer Assignment #2

Major Names to Know for the AP Psychology Exam

Students are to create a reference guide for the top names in psychology. These are the most frequently occurring names on the AP Psychology Exam and the sooner you become familiar with them, the better. There is a term in psychology called "the mere exposure effect," which basically states that just by merely being exposed to a stimulus, the more likely you are to become familiar with and prefer that stimulus. In this case, familiarization and exposure to these influential psychologists will help you to build a solid foundation for this course.

For this part of your summer assignment, you will be creating a detailed reference guide that highlights the key psychologists you will be analyzing this year (Note: There will be other psychologists we discuss, this is just to warm you up).

To do this, you are to create a graphically organized reference guide or chart that includes all of the key psychologists.

Your organizer/chart needs to provide thorough (not "fluffy"), succinct (please, don't go on and on about the individual make your passages "meaty"), answers to the following essential questions:

What was the lifespan of the individual?

This provides you with a sense of "era".

What was the researcher's area(s) of study?

This should be a 1-5 word description, tops

What were the "basics" of the researcher's study?

Here you need to go into a little more detail on the area of study. What were they trying to find out? What did they believe about their area of study? Here you also need to include the names of any famous studies they are known for. Any names of studies and/or theories they are especially known for should be bold and/or underlined.

Psychologist	Lifespan	Area(s) of Study	Basics of research/study (No need to go too overboard, but be sure it's "meaty". The length in the example below is plenty.)
 Erik Erikson	1902-1994	Theories on Development	Developed an approach to the personality that extended Freud's theory (Sharkey, 1997). He believed that personality develops through one's lifespan (Freud believed that it was pretty much "set" by five) (Sharkey, 1997). It is unique in that it recognizes the impact of society, history, and culture on personality during one's lifespan (Sharkey, 1997). Stages of Psychosocial Development, Identity Crisis

Additional Requirements

Include the headings in your organizer.
Include a photo of your psychologist.

I highly recommend keeping this as a reference guide to study for my exams and eventually the AP Exam in May. There will also be a **test** on this information during the first week of school, so the sooner you start to become familiar with these names, the better off you will be.

Top 25 Names to Know for AP Psychology (You may recognize some from the TED talks)

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| 1. Wilhelm Wundt | 14. Noam Chomsky |
| 2. William James | 15. Howard Gardner |
| 3. Jean Piaget | 16. Alfred Binet |
| 4. Erik Erikson | 17. Lewis Terman |
| 5. Harry Harlow | 18. Sigmund Freud |
| 6. Diana Baumrind | 19. Carl Jung |
| 7. Mary Ainsworth | 20. Alfred Adler |
| 8. Lawrence Kohlberg | 21. Abraham Maslow |
| 9. Ivan Pavlov | 22. Carl Rogers |
| 10. John Watson | 23. Philip Zimbardo |
| 11. BF Skinner | 24. Solomon Asch |
| 12. Albert Bandura | 25. Stanley Milgram |
| 13. Elizabeth Loftus | |

AP Psychology Summer Assignment #3

For this final summer assignment, you have an opportunity to examine the top 50 terms in AP Psychology. For this assignment, you are to watch the following youtube video and create a study guide:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D3oRUumDMQw>

During the first week of class, we will have a multiple choice test on these terms. Again, this will count as your first unit test and will be used to assess whether I decide you should stay in the course.