

2015 Summer Assignment AP Psychology

Summer Assignment: You will need to purchase or locate (rent/borrow) a copy of the book called *Opening Skinner's Box* by Lauren Slater. A new copy sells for around \$12 from a bookstore. If acquiring the book may be an issue, you must see Mrs. Burger (room 230) to check out a copy of the book prior to leaving for the summer. Please visit her during A Lunch, before, or after school. ****Your summer assignment is DUE ON the first day of class. ** Please be prepared to discuss and demonstrate knowledge of the book's content on a test.**

DIRECTIONS:

Acquire the book by Lauren Slater called *Opening Skinner's Box*. Read the book, which discusses ten significant psychological studies of the 20th century.

For each chapter, you will need to replicate and fill out a chart with the following information. (It can be typed or handwritten neatly in pen.) Responses should be thorough and detailed. Each chart's length will vary based on the information in the chapter, so take your time as you read each one carefully. **NOTE: MOST CHARTS WILL RUN MULTIPLE PAGES IN LENGTH.** See below for necessary components:

CHAPTER NUMBER & TITLE			
Major Researcher(s) that completed the focus study of chapter	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Full Name(s)</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Personal Background Information</td> </tr> </table>	Full Name(s)	Personal Background Information
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Inspiration for Study or Experiment	<p>May be one or more of the following: event, problem, or previous study (Must identify ALL listed in book)</p> <p>Make sure that you are writing down enough details to understand the reasons behind the research</p> <p><i>NON EXAMPLE: "Pavlov's Dog Experiment" [Too brief!] → What was it though? Results? In what ways did it inspire the other researcher?</i></p>		
Methods and Procedures (Steps of the Major Studies)	<p>Information such as: number and types of participants/test subjects, length of study, mechanisms designed to run test, etc.</p> <p>(Some chapters will have MORE THAN ONE to discuss done by the same researcher)</p>		
Results of Study	<p>Including percentages, conclusions drawn, etc.</p>		
Controversy of Methods Used	<p>(If applicable)</p> <p>Did the study seem unethical? What type of moral rules was potentially broken? Use details in the book to explain controversy</p>		
Importance (Significance) of Study to the Field of Psychology	<p>**Minimum 5-8 sentence response that thoughtfully attempts to explain importance of the study**</p> <p>(Think about why the author chose this one out of all the thousands of famous psychological studies. Why should we care about this one? How did it change the field of psychology? Did it inspire others?)</p>		

CAUTION: Per your AP agreement, plagiarism will not be tolerated from any source- whether from an online resource, another student, or book. Make sure that work submitted properly reflects your own individual abilities. The summer assignment SHOULD NOT be completed with someone else taking the course.

I look forward to having you in class in the fall! 😊

****Any questions on the assignment email Mrs. Burger at knewman@pasco.k12.fl.us****