## **AP PSYCHOLOGY SUMMER ASSIGNMENT-2018**

Dear Future Students,

Welcome to **Advanced Placement Psychology**! This summer assignment is meant to introduce you to psychology, the perspectives of the field, and the history behind it.

There are three assignments (see below) that will be due at the **beginning of the period Monday**, **8/13/18** (printed and complete by hand, please).

- **Assignment #1 Familiarizing yourself with the course!** Review the AP Psych course information site (<u>https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/apcourse/ap-psychology/course-details</u>) and answer the questions on the page to follow.
- **Assignment #2 Study Guide** Read the assigned (pdf attached on the school site) pages and complete the guided reading questions using details from the text. Full sentences not required but sufficient details are encouraged to help you study for the first unit's exam! (Not required to print reading)
- Assignment #3 AP Multiple Choice Assignment- (see below.... there are 15 questions) You are to write the correct letter answer to each question.

Please e-mail me with any questions or concerns! I will be out of town off and on but will respond to emails soon after returning. This entire assignment should not take longer than a few hours and is only meant for us to get introduced to the course's major concepts and general organization. I look forward to getting to know each of you and having a very successful year! ③

Thanks!

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## Assignment #1: AP Psychology Course Details

**Directions: Familiarizing yourself with the course!** Review the AP Psych course information site and answer the following questions. (https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/apcourse/ap-psychology/course-details)

1. Review the course details and topics of study. What do you believe will be the most interesting unit of study and why?

2. Based on what you already know about psychology is there anything in the units of study that surprises you? Why?

3. Review the weights of each unit (%). What topics appear to be more important to AP College Board? Why do you believe this to be the case?

4. Click on the link in the blue box titled "Course Resources". This is commonly called the "Acorn Book". Browse through the document (you will see the course content explained in far more detail) and answer the following questions:

a. What do AP exam scores mean and what is required to "pass" with college credit?

b. What is the AP Exam comprised of (Explain both parts)?

c. What are the writing expectations in AP Psych?

d. What are resources are provided in the Acorn book?

5. Based on what you have read, what do you anticipate as your greatest challenge in AP Psych? What do you anticipate being your greatest strength(s)?

## Assignment #2 AP PSYCHOLOGY: History & Perspectives Study Guide

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Score: \_\_\_\_\_/10 (completeness, accuracy)

- 1) How did psychology develop out of the roots of <u>philosophy and biology</u>?
- 2) What is empiricism?
- 3) What were the key contributions of the following people to psychology?
  - A) <u>Wilhelm Wundt</u>
  - B) Edward Titchener
  - C) <u>William James</u>
  - D) <u>G. Stanley Hall</u>
  - E) <u>Max Wertheimer</u>
- 4) When and how did modern psychological science begin?
- 5) Contrast between the schools of thought known as <u>structuralism</u> and <u>functionalism</u>.
- 6) What is <u>introspection</u>? Why did introspection wan from use?
- 7) How were the early women of psychology treated compared to women in psychology today?

- 8) Briefly describe how psychology developed from the 1920's to today.
- 9) Describe <u>nature vs. nurture</u>. Give an example of this debate from psychology.
- 10) What is the <u>Biopsychosocial approach</u> in psychology?

## 11) Briefly describe the following <u>perspectives of psychology</u>.

Perspective	Focus	Sample Study
Biological	Body, brain chemistry and structures, neurons and neurotransmitters, drugs all influence behavior	Would study body biology and/or chemistry to illustrate why we behave the way we do. Example: low levels of serotonin equal irregular mood swings or irregular brain structures.
Evolutionary		
Psychodynamic/ Psychoanalytic		
Behavioral		
Cognitive		
Humanistic		
Social-Cultural		

12) How do applied and basic research psychologists differ?

CHAPTER 1 MULTIPLE CHOICE ASSIGNMENT (Score:/15) 1 Which philosopher is most well known for theorizing that the mind at birth is tabula rasa or 'blank slate"?		
a. Plato	e. Aristotle	
d. Rene Descartes	c. Immanuel Kant	
b. John Locke		
2 The first psychological laboratory was established by:		
a. William James	d. Sigmund Freud	
b. John Watson	e. Jean Piaget	
c. Wilhelm Wundt		
3 The self-reflective observation of one's sensations and feelings is called:	d humanian	
a. clinical psychology b. introspection	d. humanism e. Gestalt psychology	
c. spaced practice	e. destait psychology	
4 Functionalism was a school of psychology that focused attention on the:		
a. adaptive value of conscious thoughts and emotions	d. treatment of psychological disorders	
b. component elements of sensory experience	e. inward immediate sensations, feelings, and impulses	
c. disruptive effects of unconscious motives		
5 In its early years, psychology focused on the study of, but from the 1920	0's into the 1960's, American psychologists emphasized the study of:	
a. environmental influences; hereditary influences	d. mental life; observable behavior	
b. maladaptive behavior; adaptive behavior	e. biology; culture	
c. unconscious motives; conscious thoughts and feelings		
6 Humanistic psychologists focused on the importance of:		
a. childhood memories	d. healthy growth potential	
b. genetic predispositions	e. punishment and reinforcement	
c. unconscious thoughts		
7 Contemporary psychology is best defined as the scientific study of:		
a. conscious and unconscious mental activity	d. thoughts, feelings, and perceptions	
b. observable response to the environment	e. maladaptive and adaptive behaviors	
c. behavior and mental processes		
8 The survival of organisms best suited to a particular environment is know	n asi	
a. functionalism		
b. natural selection	d. structuralism e. introspection	
c. humanism	e. Introspection	
c. numumism		
9 Which professional specialty focuses on the diagnosis and treatment of pe	eople with psychological disorders?	
a. personality psychology	d. clinical psychology	
b. social psychology	e. developmental psychology	
c. biological psychology		
10 Dr. Santaniello conducts basic research on how children's moral thinking	g changes as they grow older. It is most likely that Dr. Santaniello is	
a(an) psychologist.	sentinges as energy grow orders it is most mery that bit build meno is	
a. social	d. industrial-organizational	
b. clinical	e. biological	
c. developmental		
11 Which perspective would focus on the extent to which different styles of	d. socio-cultural	
a. evolutionary	e. biological	
b. cognitive c. psychodynamic	e. biological	
c. psychodynamic		
12 Which psychological perspective highlights the manner in which people e		
a. cognitive	d. biological	
b. psychodynamic	e. evolutionary	
c. behavioral		
13 The behavioral perspective is most likely to emphasize the importance of	f:	
a. cognition	d. natural selection	
b. observable responses	e. self-esteem	
c. introspection		
14 Mr. Kay is interested in whether individual differences affect learning. Mr	r Kay is most likely a (an) — psychologist	
a. human factors	d. social	
b. developmental	e. clinical	
c. educational		

15.\_\_\_\_ Dr. Wilcox conducts basic research on the behavioral differences between shy and outgoing people. Dr.Wilcox is most likely a(n)\_\_\_\_\_

psychologist. a. clinical c. cognitive e. personality

b. biological d. industrial-organizational