

AP Psych Summer Assignment

Assignment #1–TED Talks

“TED” The first assignment will incorporate some technology. TED is a nonprofit organization devoted to spreading ideas through 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 10 TED “talks” that could be of interest. Of these ten, you are to watch and FIVE of your choosing. After listening to these lectures, you will provide a one paragraph summary OF EACH LECTURE consisting of at least six 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 submitted to me on or before the first day of class. You can find all of these on youtube.

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: The Key to Success – Grit
Amy Cuddy: Body Language Shapes Who You Are
Dan Gilbert: Surprise Science of Happiness
Pamela Myers: How to Spot a Liar
Ben Ambridge: 10 Myths About Psychology Debunked
Shawn Achor: The Happy Secret to Better Work

Summer Assignment #2–Me

Write a letter that includes the following... *Introduce yourself *What are your hobbies? What do you like to do for fun? *What extracurricular activities are you involved or planning to be involved in? *Do you have a job? What is it? Do you like it? Is this something you would like to continue as a career? *Why are you taking AP Psychology? What are you looking forward to in this class? What areas of psychology interest you? *Are you enrolled in other AP courses? Have you taken other AP courses throughout your high school career? *How will you manage your time throughout this upcoming school year? *What else should I know about you so that I have insight into you as a person?

Summer Assignment #3: “Who’s Who?” Cards - Names to Know for the AP Psychology Exam

Directions: You will create a set of index cards summarizing the most influential psychologists you will see on the test. Use internet resources to look up each of the names below and complete a bit of research about each of these influential psychologists.

One side of the card: name of the researcher

Other side of the card: information about this person and their psychological research/famous experiments

BE CREATIVE! Use their studies, their theories, classifications, important vocab terms linked to this person to complete 25 index cards.

1. Mary Ainsworth (The Strange Situation)
2. Solomon Asch
3. Albert Bandura
4. Alfred Binet
5. Noam Chomsky (language acquisition device)
6. Erik Erickson (psychosocial stages of development)
7. Sigmund Freud
8. Carol Gilligan
9. G. Stanley Hall
10. Harry Harlow (contact comfort/surrogate mother experiment)
11. David Hubel and Torsten Wiesel
12. William James (first textbook in psychology)
13. Lawrence Kohlberg
14. Elizabeth Loftus (misinformation effect)
15. Abraham Maslow (hierarchy of needs/humanist)
16. Stanley Milgram (obedience)
17. Ivan Pavlov (classical conditioning)
18. Jean Piaget
19. Carl Rogers (unconditional positive regard/client-centered therapy)
20. Stanley Schachter (Two-Factor theory)
21. B.F. Skinner (operant conditioning/skinner box)
22. John B. Watson (Baby Albert experiment/behaviorism)
23. Benjamin Whorf (linguistic relativity hypothesis)
24. Wilhelm Wundt
25. Philip G. Zimbardo (Stanford Prison Experiment)

