

# AP Psychology Summer 2021 Assignment

## Ms. Anderson

Welcome to AP Psychology! I am ecstatic that you have decided to join this class and chosen to challenge yourself with the fascinating world of psychology. I am certain that you will find this course worthwhile and personally relevant. Although it is the summer, there is work to be done. Please note, AP Psychology is an elective, college-level course with higher student expectations than most courses taken by high school students. With that being said, it is imperative that we get a jump start on the AP Psychology curriculum. It is mandatory and in your best interest to complete the summer assignment. Your summer assignment consists of FOUR mini-assignments. Each assignment will serve a specific purpose that will assist you throughout the school year and aid in your preparations for the AP Exam. **Assignments are to be turned in on Google Classroom.**

### Assignment #1 - “Allow Me To Introduce Myself”

This assignment is designed for me to get to you know you prior to the start of the school year. This assignment is to be turned in to me on Google Classroom on or before August 5th. You are to use well written, complete sentences, do not abbreviate words, (i.e. language you would use on Twitter, text messages, the hallway, etc.), and use spell check. This is a professional communication similar to what you would use with a college professor or employer. You may complete the assignment in the form of a slide show, a video, or a paper.

- \* Introduce yourself (include a photo)
- \* What are your hobbies? What do you like to do for fun?
- \* What extra-curricular 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?
- \* What are your goals/plans post-high school?
- \* 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 before the next school year begins?

## **Assignment #2 - "TED"**

The second assignment will incorporate some technology. TED is a nonprofit organization devoted to spreading ideas in 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 "talks" that could be of interest. Of these ten, you are to watch any ONE 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 or before August 5th.

- 1) **Philip Zimbardo: The Psychology of Evil Martin Seligman: New Era of Positive Psychology**
- 2) **Elizabeth Loftus: How Reliable Is Your Memory Susan Cain: Power of Introverts**
- 3) **Keith Barry: Brain Magic Tony Robbins: Why We Do What We Do**
- 4) **Angela Lee Duckworth: The Key To Success - Grit Amy Cuddy: Body Language Shapes Who You Are**
- 5) **Dan Gilbert: Surprise Science of Happiness Pamela Meyer: How To Spot A Liar**
- 6) **Ben Ambridge - 10 Myths About Psychology Debunked Shawn Achor: The Happy Secret To Better Work**

## **Assignment #3 - "Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down"**

Look through the list below and choose one film to watch. If you are unsure about the movies, I suggest looking on IMDB for more information. You are to watch one of the films and complete the assignment below. This assignment is to be emailed to me on or before August 5th.

\* First paragraph will be a review of the movie plots. Get to the point without many of the psychological details. This is where you would briefly identify the main characters in the movies.

\* The second/third paragraphs will be your opportunity to connect the movie to psychology. Each film is filled with psychological topics. You may need to conduct some minor psychological research in fully comprehending the topics discussed. Utilize these paragraphs to compare and contrast the themes in each film. You must discuss at least two topics, so choose wisely.

\* The final paragraph will serve as your conclusion and closing paragraph. In this paragraph, you are to give your opinion of the films. Did you like the films? Why, why not? Also, within this last paragraph, discuss the psychological importance of the movie, in an attempt to persuade next year's students to watch it on their own.

**Benny & Joon - PG-13**

**One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest -R**

**The Butterfly Effect - R**

**Rain Man - R**

**Perks Of Being A Wallflower - PG-13**

**Memento - R**

**Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind – R**

**Driving Miss Daisy- PG**

**The Blind Side – PG-13**

**28 Days- PG-13**

**Reign Over Me- R**

## **Assignment #4 - "Failing To Prepare Is Preparing To Fail"**

This assignment is easy. Purchase your supplies for this class before the first day of school. No one likes waiting in ridiculously long lines at Staples and Target early in September. Buy what you need this summer and avoid that scene all together. Here is what you will need...

\* A single subject notebook dedicated to AP Psych ONLY

\*A box of colored pencils or markers

\*pens and pencils

Due dates are not negotiable and no credit is earned for late assignments. I can be reached at [landerso@rialto.k12.ca.us](mailto:landerso@rialto.k12.ca.us) if you have any questions and/or concerns. I look forward to working with all of you!

Keep in mind that psychology is everywhere. Everything we do, think, and feel can be related back to psychology. Have a great summer!

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*Log into your Google Classroom. Go to the assignment, and find the “open” or “turn in” button. Click on the arrow – this is the upload button, and select to upload “files.” A window will open, asking you to choose your file to upload. Find your paper on your hard drive, and select it. An upload window will pop up and your document should appear on the list. Then follow the sharing instructions above to share your newly uploaded assignment with me.*

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**Go to Google gmail**

**Your user name is (all lower case) First name, first initial of your last name, and last four of your id.**

**Your password is (first letter capitalized) First name, first initial of your last name (cap), and 6 digit birthdate**

**Example:**

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