

## AP PSYCHOLOGY SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

AP Psychology is a course offered by the College Board that allows high school students to earn college credits for an introductory level psychology course. However, it is important for students to realize that simply taking the course does not lead to earning these credits. In order to receive credits, students must pass the AP Psychology exam with a score of 3 or better. Furthermore, the scores accepted by different colleges and universities can vary.

It is important to note that the AP Psychology course is taught at the college level. Students should be prepared to work hard in order to learn the information and fulfill the requirements. That being said, honestly answer the following questions for yourself.

1. Why are you taking this class? Do you want to learn about psychology? Are you ready for a college-level class? Are you serious about the AP Exam in May? *If not, this is probably not the right course for you.*
2. What are your priorities? Are academics near the top of the list, or are you more concerned with your social life, a part-time job, athletics, and so on? *I don't expect this course to consume your entire life, but if academics are not one of your top priorities, this is probably not the right course for you.*
3. How much time can you devote to the class? Are you willing to devote an hour per day to prepare for this class? *If not, this is probably not the right course for you.*
4. Are you a strong reader? Nothing will occupy more of your out-of-class time than reading and studying the text. *If you are not a good reader, know that it is going to take extra time and effort on your part to compensate.*
  - a. 30 to 60 pages of REQUIRED READING, with note taking, every two-three weeks
  - b. 30 to 50 vocabulary terms per unit (14 units)
  - c. Unit vocabulary quiz and test
  - d. Two cumulative Semester Exams

Materials distributed by the College Board say, "All students who are willing to accept the challenge of a rigorous academic curriculum should be considered for admission to AP courses." I have always felt that each student, in consultation with his or her parent(s) or guardian(s), is in the best position to judge whether an Advanced Placement course is appropriate. Keep in mind that your level of motivation is much more important than your ability level. If you want to succeed in this course, and you are willing to put in the necessary effort, **YOU WILL SUCCEED!**

**Attitude, study skills, determination, and discipline count far more than intelligence.**

If you feel AP Psychology is not the course for you, Introductory Psychology is offered during the same class periods. These courses cover the same information but with less academic rigor.

**If there is any question in your mind as to whether this is the right course for you, email me.**

### **THIS ASSIGNMENT IS HAS MULTIPLE DUE DATES, INCLUDING THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS**

1. The Summer Assignments listed below are NOT optional! The due dates are NOT optional!!!
2. Create a set of note cards on the top 60 people in psychology. Directions are on the next page.
  - a. **Due the first day of class: A Day or B Day**
3. Read UNIT 1: *Psychology's History and Approaches* and complete the UNIT 1 Reading Questions
  - a. **Due BEFORE second day of class: A Day or B Day**
  - b. There will be an ASSIGNMENT on BLACKBOARD for your answers.