

Advanced Placement Psychology – Summer 2017

Welcome to AP Psychology! Please be very aware of the due dates for the following assignments
– **LATE WORK IS 50% - IT WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT TO IMPROVE YOUR GRADE IF YOU START WITH HALF CREDIT.**

1-Email the following responses to laura.jeffrey@orecity.k12.or.us

- a-Why are you taking A.P. Psychology?
- b-What are your goals/plans (college, military, work) following high school?
- c-What other AP classes are you taking?
- d-What other clubs, sports or extracurricular activities are you involved in?
- e-What else should I know about you in order to have insight into you as a person before your senior year begins?

This allows me to get to know you before the start of class and have your email address.

DUE MONDAY, AUGUST 28th – submitting this early is okay!

2-Psychology is defined as the scientific study of behavior and mental processes. Everything we do, think and feel relates back to psychology. To prepare for the class please read **ONE** of the following psychology-related books:

Moonwalking with Einstein by Joshua Foer (Memory/Cognitive Processing)

Blink by Malcolm Gladwell (Cognition)

Thinking Fast and Slow by Daniel Kahneman (Cognition, heuristics)

Authentic Happiness by Martin Seligman (Positive Psychology)

Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World that Can't Stop Talking by Susan Cain (Personality Traits/Introversion)

The Happiness Project by Gretchen Rubin (Positive/Cognitive Psychology)

Stumbling on Happiness by Daniel Gilbert (Positive/Social psychology)

An Unquiet Mind by Kay Redfield Jamison (Disorders/Bipolar)

Man's Search for Meaning by Viktor Frankl (Holocaust, P.T.S.D, psychotherapy)

NurtureShock: New Thinking About Children by Po Bronson & Ashley Merryman (Developmental psychology)

Incognito: The Secret Lives of the Brain by David Eagleman (Neuroscience)

The Champions Mind by James Afremow (Sports Psychology)

All of these books are either available through the public library or can be purchased.

After reading, write a **3-page**, 12-point, double-spaced paper in Times New Roman font and address the following in your writing:

- 1-Provide a brief 1-2 paragraph summary of the book.
- 2-Describe (using quotes where necessary) which psychological issue, disorder or therapeutic technique was used in the book.
- 3-Select passages you found interesting or informative and discuss why you enjoyed them.
- 4-Could you apply anything you learned in this book to your life? Why or why not?
- 3-What is your overall reaction or opinion of the book?
- 4-How has this book impacted your knowledge or interest in psychology?
- 5-Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?

This book review/reflection must be in your own words. On-line summaries such as SparkNotes are easy to detect – so skip the plagiarism, it is pretty obvious and will result in a zero for this assignment.

DUE FIRST DAY OF CLASS – WORTH: 50 Points

3-Class syllabus. This includes a section that must be signed by a parent/guardian and brought to class. **DUE FIRST DAY OF CLASS**

4-Read Chapter 9 of David Myer's *Psychology* (8th edition) on-line (you do **not** need to check a textbook out from the school library) and **hand-write** outline notes or flashcards for all of the vocabulary terms on page **393**. **Word-processed vocabulary notes will NOT be accepted.**

Do your flashcards of vocabulary in the following format:

TERM!

DEFINE!

EXAMPLE OF THE CONCEPT!

Here is an example of what this looks like:

Term: Flashbulb memory

Define: A vivid and detailed memory that is usually of an important emotional or autobiographical event.

Example: I can easily recall where I was and what I was doing when I heard about the Clackamas Mall shooting.

THIS IS CALLED TDE FORMAT AND WE WILL USE THIS FOR FRQ ESSAY

WRITING. This chapter is on the school website under the AP psychology summer work tab.

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WORTH: 38 points (one point per definition)

There will be a vocabulary test on this chapter on the second week you are back from summer break – be prepared!

Make excellent choices this summer – see you in September.