

Mr. Proctor's AP Psychology Summer Assignment

Welcome to AP Psychology at Fulton Science Academy Private School! In this course, we'll be exploring many topics and famous people in the world of psychology. We'll also develop our writing and research skills and prepare for the AP examination in the spring.

In preparation (and because there's so much material to cover), you'll complete an assignment over the summer. This assignment is due on the first day of school, unless you've been told otherwise by an administrator or myself. Feel free to contact me at any time during the summer at jproctor@fultonscienceacademy.org. However, I cannot guarantee that I'll be able to reply right away. Please don't wait til the last minute to contact me about an assignment.

Please turn in a hard copy of your assignments!

Assignment 1: Unit 1 Notes in advance

During the year, we'll be discussing and covering many topics. In order to be prepared for lectures and projects, you'll need to be ahead with regards to the content. This is why I'm asking you to take notes over the material from our first unit. The first unit is a basic overview and history of Psychology and covers the scientific basics of research and critical thinking. Together, these topics form the foundation for the entire course.

You'll need to familiarize yourself with the notes rubric that I'll be using to grade your notes. A good rule of thumb is to make every paragraph you read into one sentence. You **MUST** adhere to the headings in the book and present the material in order. This is so I can make sure you aren't skipping content.

Put each heading in bold or underline, then begin with your summary. Feel free to "talk to the text" and put in your own opinions or concerns with what you are reading. This will make the notes better and more effective.

Notes MUST be handwritten. Research shows that handwritten notes are better for memory retention and analysis than typed ones. You may write your notes with pen, pencil, or anything that helps you make sense of the material. Feel free to include drawings or printed pictures as well.

The content starts on page 2 and goes through page 44. I will include this section of the textbook as a pdf for you.

Assignment 2: Unit 1 Vocabulary in advance

The AP exam will expect you to have mastery of hundreds of terms from Psychology and science in general. These words range from general (hypothesis) to the domain-specific (frontotemporal dementia).

To master these terms, you'll be handwriting original definitions to all of them. By original, I don't mean copied from a place that I haven't seen before. These definitions should be your own personalized way of remembering the term. There will be cases where you get the term incorrect or give a bad example. This is better than copying a correct definition because you can learn from a mistake, but you learn nothing by copying.

Please familiarize yourself with the vocab rubric and feel free to contact me with any questions. The first unit of vocab mirrors the topics from the first unit of notes. You can find the vocab words in an excel spreadsheet. Please don't do the vocab in the spreadsheet though. Handwrite it.

Assignment 3: Getting to know you

Directions: *There is an ongoing debate in Psychology over whether Nature (biology, genes, physical traits) or Nurture (family, environment, culture) has the most influence on our behavior, thoughts, and most of what we care about. Most Psychologists agree that both have some impact on people. Describe the ways you see both nature and nurture as impactful to your life and development.*

Your response should be at least 2-3 pages, double-spaced, in times new roman 12 pt. font and 1 inch margins. Use the following heading as your guide:

Your Name

Summer Essay

AP Psychology

Mr. Proctor

Day Month 2018

Title

Assignment 4: “Failing to Prepare is Preparing to Fail”

This assignment should be the easiest one! Simply purchase your materials before coming to class on the first day. You can do this early in the summer to avoid having to wait in line, or just order them online.

Please bring the following to class every day:

- A 3-ring binder with PLENTY of notebook paper
- Index cards
- Pens/Pencils for notes, writings, or essays