

AP Psychology Summer Assignment

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Welcome to AP Psychology! I am ecstatic that you have decided to join this class and chose 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 is comprised of **TWO** 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 in May.

This assignment will be submitted to the Google Classroom on September 15, 2023 by 11:59 pm.

Assignment #1: Unit 1 Modules 1-3 and Unit 2 Modules 4-8

- **Read & take notes on Units 1 & 2 (Modules 1-8)**
- **Create 2 logs – (1) Key Contributors and (1) Key Terms & Concepts.** (You will add to both these logs/lists throughout the year. See sample template below!)
 - The *Key Contributors* and *Key Terms & Concepts* can be found at the end of each Unit. Be sure to include this information in your logs/lists.

Assignment #2: FRQ (Free Response Questions)

Instructions: You must complete both assigned FRQ's. FRQ's should be written in full sentences, must address each task in sequence, and key terms/names should be underlined or highlighted. There are no introduction or conclusion paragraphs.

FRQ #1:

In thinking about the question of *nature* vs. *nurture*, explain how each of the following schools of psychology would address this debate.

- Behaviorism
- Biological perspective
- Personality psychologists
- Developmental psychologists

FRQ#2:

Dr. Taylor wanted to investigate the relationship between sleep and levels of alertness during a class for American university students. She gave surveys to 150 college freshmen in her introduction to psychology course, asking them to report how many hours they slept each night

during a two-week period. Dr Taylor also had the participants rate their level of alertness on a scale of one to 10, with 10 being the most alert each day at the end of class. Dr Taylor compared the average amount of sleep reported by each participant along with their average score on the alertness scale on a graph to examine the data. The resulting correlation coefficient for Dr. Taylor's data was +0.89. Define each of the following terms and explain how each concept might apply to Dr. Taylor's research.

- Random sample
- Scatterplot
- Wording effects
- Positive correlation
- Operational definition

Sample Templates:

Create 2 logs/lists – (1) Key Contributors and (1) Key Terms & Concepts. You must create to separate documents either in *Word* or on *Google Docs*.

I. Create 1st document and label it:

Key Contributors

Unit 1:

- William Wundt – created 1st psychology lab/ combine physiology & philosophy (1879) structuralism & introspection

II. Create a 2nd document and label it:

Key Terms & Concepts

Unit 1:

- Behaviorism -observable events focused on a science-based approach

