

AP Psychology Summer Assignment 2026-2027
Mrs. Langone

Due: Friday, September 11, 2026

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 consists 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. You will be given a classroom code.

Assignment #1: FRQ (Free Response Questions)

Instructions: FRQ's should be written in full sentences, must address each task in sequence, and key terms/names should be underlined or **highlighted**. There is NO introduction or conclusion paragraphs.

Be sure to explain the concept of *nature vs. nurture* and fully discuss the debates surrounding this concept in detail. In thinking about the question of *nature vs. nurture*, explain how each of the following schools of psychology would address this debate. You must research these different schools of thought and present a clear understanding of their views in regard to *nature vs. nurture*.

- Behaviorism
- Biological perspective
- Personality psychologists
- Developmental psychologists

Assignment #2 - "TED Talks"

TED is a nonprofit organization devoted to spreading ideas in short, powerful talks in 29 minutes or less. TED is an acronym for *technology, entertainment, and design*. I have sifted through the psychology section of TED and found 12 "Talks" that could be of interest.

- You are to **watch 6 of the 12** "Talks".
- After listening to these lectures, you will provide a **(1) one paragraph summary of EACH LECTURE consisting of at least ten sentences**.
- Please incorporate **your opinion of the Talk** and **discuss terms** you were *interested in*, as well as terms you were *unsure about*.

<i>Philip Zimbardo</i> : The Psychology of Evil (23:16)	<i>Martin Seligman</i> : New Era of Positive Psychology(23:42)
<i>Elizabeth Loftus</i> : How Reliable Is Your Memory (17:36)	<i>Susan Cain</i> : Power of Introverts (19:04)
<i>Keith Barry</i> : Brain Magic (19:49)	Karissa Sanonmatsu: The biology of gender, from DNA to the brain (12:52)
<i>Ayelet Fishbach</i> : 4 Proven Ways to Kick Your Procrastination Habit (29:01)	Amy Cuddy: Your body language may shape who you are (20:42)
Brian Little: Who are you, really? The puzzle of personality (15:15)	<i>Pamela Meyer</i> : How to Spot A Liar (18:50)
Ben Ambridge: 9 Myths About Psychology, Debunked (14:55)	Kelly McConigal: How to make stress your friend (14:28)

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