

AP Psychology Summer Assignments 2023

Welcome to AP Psychology! I am certain that you will find this course fascinating and personally relevant. Please note, AP Psychology is an elective, college-level course with higher expectations than most courses taken by high school students.

Consequently, it is important that we get a jumpstart on the AP Psychology curriculum. It is mandatory and in your best interest to complete these summer assignments. Each assignment will serve a specific purpose that will assist you throughout the school year and aid in your preparation for the AP Exam in May.

Assignment #1 - “Myers Chapters 1 & 2” (Due on Tuesday, 8/29)

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.11-12.2 - Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary that makes clear the relationships among the key details and ideas.

Research demonstrates that our brains are better able to retrieve information which has been organized into meaningful units or structures. A technique called “chunking,” for example, allows our brains to recall “(860) 599-5781” more easily than “8605995781,” or “ROY G. BIV” more easily than “red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet.” Another technique - *taking text notes in outline format* - organizes information in such a way that our brains can store it *hierarchically*.

On GoogleClassroom, you have received copies of “**Outline 1A: Psychology’s History and Approaches**” and “**Outline 1B: Research Methods: Thinking Critically with Psychological Science.**” Using your copy of our Myers’ Psychology for AP textbook, please complete these two digital chapter outlines. Please click “Turn-in” when finished with each.

These outlines (in combination with the numerous others you will complete throughout the year) will serve as valuable study tools as you prepare for our tests/quizzes and the AP Exam in May.

Optional (but Highly Recommended) YouTube Assignment:

Once you have completed your digital outlines, I recommend printing them. Then, with your outline(s) in front of you (highlighter/pen in-hand), view the following YouTube videos. Make annotations, additions, and changes as you see fit!

Intro to Psychology: Crash Course Psychology #1

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vo4pMVb0R6M&list=PLGMVCsud2sqX1F5BkUp7yilFcGtFjb1hZ>

Psychological Research: Crash Course Psychology #2

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hFV71QPvX2I&list=PLGMVCsud2sqX1F5BkUp7yilFcGtFjb1hZ&index=2>

Assignment #2 - “Free Response Question 1.1” – (Due on Tuesday, 9/5; 7:25am)

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.WHST.11-12.9 - Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. APA High School Content Standards 2, 3, 4; Research methods and measurements used to study behavior and mental processes, Ethical issues in research with human and non-human animals, Basic concepts of data analysis

Your second summer assignment will require you to *apply* the information you’ve read and organized from Myers Chapters 1 & 2. You will respond to your very first Free Response Question (or “FRQ”) of the year.

On GoogleClassroom, you have received a copy of “**FRQ 1.1.**” Using your textbook(s) and outline(s), please respond to the 5-part question in the space provided. Click “Turn-in” when finished.

We will revisit and revise your response to this FRQ in class - see the assignment directions for more information.

Assignment #3 - “Failing to Prepare Is Preparing to Fail” (Due in Class on the First Day)

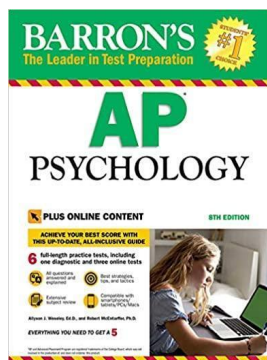
Organize your supplies for this class before the first day of school. If your specific circumstances make acquiring any of the following materials challenging or impossible, please let me know. I will discretely help you get what you need.

Here is what you will need...

- A binder, folder, or notebook for AP Psych; *where you will keep your outlines, study guides, and notes*
- Notebook paper; *for note-taking and in-class demonstrations*
- Access to Quizlet or a similar tool; *this will help you manage our vocabulary terms throughout the year*
- Join our AP Psychology GoogleClassroom; *you’ve already been invited!*

Highly Recommended Additional Supplies

Barron’s AP Psychology 8th Edition Book or Newer



Barron’s AP Psychology 3rd Edition Flashcards or Newer



Due dates are not negotiable; credit is not earned for late assignments. I can be reached at jeffrey.lewis@stoningtonschools.org if you have any questions and/or concerns.

I look forward to working with all of you!

Keep in mind that psychology is everywhere. Everything we do, think, and feel can be related to psychology.

Have a great summer!

Mr. Lewis