

2009 AP Psychology Summer Assignment

All students enrolled in AP Psychology are expected to complete the following assignments. These assignments are due for ALL students the first week of school in the Fall semester. Questions may be referred to my email at cvolkmar@wcpss.net . This site will be checked at least once every two weeks.

Summer Reading:

Read one of the following books and write a brief critique about the material covered in your reading. The critique should be approximately three typed pages, double spaced. It may help to look at online book reviews and stores before selecting your book. Please be aware that these titles have serious and mature themes. The assignment is the equivalent of a test grade.

Your choices are as follows:

1. Forty Studies that changed Psychology: Explorations into the History of Psychological Research – Roger Hock
2. The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat – Oliver Sachs
3. Phineas Gage – John Fleischman
4. Flowers for Algernon – Daniel Keyes
5. Darkness Visible: A Memoir of Madness – William Styron

In addition, please read and complete the following assignment.

The Approaches of Psychologists:

Use the following websites to complete the assignment below:

www.psychologymatters.org/glossary.html

and

www.appsychology.com Use the tab “Want to score a 5?” Then choose “Trippy Text”, then select a psychological perspective on this page.

1. What is psychology?
2. What do psychologists do?
3. Who is Wilhelm Wundt and what is introspection? Make sure you incorporate the term “structuralism.”
4. Who is William James and what is functionalism?

BEHAVIORAL CONTRIBUTIONS

5. How does the behavioral approach describe how one’s behavior will be?
6. What are behaviorists most primarily concerned with?
7. How do the social learning theorists explain how one behaves?

PSYCHODYNAMIC APPROACHES

8. Who is Sigmund Freud and what is his theory of why people behave the way that they do?
9. What is the psychoanalytic theory?
10. Who are the neo-freudians and what did they believe?

THE HUMANISTIC REVOLT

11. What does a humanist believe about behavior?
12. Who is Carl Rogers and what did he believe?
13. Who is Abraham Maslow and how does he think about behavior?

COGNITIVE APPROACHES

14. What is the Gestalt School of Psychology and what does it focus on behaviorally?
15. What is Cognitive psychology? Use Albert Ellis in your description.
16. What do cognitive psychologists do?

BIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE

17. What is the biological perspective?
18. What is an eclectic approach?

LAST PART: You will not find the answers to this on the websites. You have to use what you have done to answer it! Readyhere is the question:

Mr. Volkmar comes into the classroom and he is doing cartwheels and singing the theme to the movie Superman. Explain his behavior through the eyes of the following perspectives. Write only 1-2 sentences for each.

1. A structural psychologist
2. A psychodynamic psychologist
3. A humanistic psychologist
4. A biological psychologist
5. A cognitive psychologist