

Advanced Placement Psychology Summer Assignment, 2020

Welcome to A.P. Psychology for the 2020-2021 school year. This course will provide you with a college-level, introductory psychology experience. We will investigate such topics as how the brain works, human growth and development, psychological disorders, and personality. To prepare for this course, we are asking you to do some summer reading. This summer reading will expose you to the foundational ideas of psychology, such as the origins of the discipline, different approaches to understanding human behavior, and how experiments are designed.

Part 1 of the reading you are doing will consist of an introductory chapter from your psychology textbook. I would like for you to write *identifications* of the key terms from the text. These identifications are listed below. For each identification, the following format is required:

- a. **Part I – Basic Facts:** describe the term by telling what it means.
- b. **Part II – Importance:** describe *how* the term applies to the study of psychology and *why* the term is important.

Here is an example to get you started:

Psychology: (Part I) psychology is the “scientific study of behavior and the mind,” meaning that psychologists are interested in observable and testable evidence of why and how people act and think. The term is important **(Part II)** because it separates psychology from other disciplines like history and defines what counts as acceptable ways to learn about human behavior in psychology.

DO NOT MERELY COPY the definitions from the book. You will learn more if you summarize and paraphrase what you are reading.

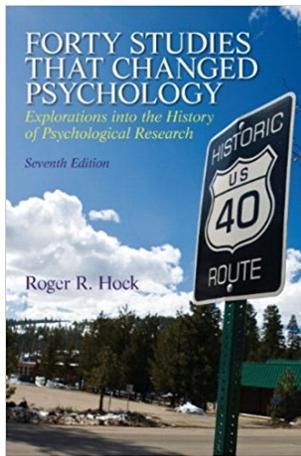
Identifications: *psychology, critical thinking, nature-nurture controversy, psychoanalytic approach, psychodynamic perspective, behavioral perspective, humanistic perspective, positive psychology, cognitive perspective, biological perspective, evolutionary perspective, sociocultural perspective, biopsychosocial model, basic research, applied research, replication, meta-analysis, theory, hypothesis, operational definition, statistical significance, informed consent, debriefing, experimental research, experimental group, control group, independent variable, dependent variable, confounding variables, experimenter bias, single-blind study, double-blind study, ethnocentrism, placebo, sample bias, random assignment, participant bias, descriptive research, naturalistic observation, survey, case study, correlational research, correlational coefficient, biological research*

Part 2 of the assignment is on the reverse.

Part 2 of the reading consists of selecting a study from the book *Forty Studies That Changed Psychology*, by Roger E. Hock. Write a 2-3 page paper, including the following elements:

- a. Summarize the major points of the study (basically an abstract);
- b. Explain in detail the theoretical background of the study;
- c. Explain in detail the method used;
- d. Explain in detail the results, discussion, and any criticisms;
- e. Talk about related research and recent applications;
- f. How does this study relate to you? Meaning, have you experienced or seen something like this?

The book should be fairly ubiquitous and probably can be found in a library, on Amazon, or in a used book store. E-mail me if you have issues finding it.



This is the cover of the latest edition (7th). It is ok if you acquire an earlier edition, but the 7th edition is obviously the most up to date.

The due date for summer work is the first Friday we come back to school.

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