

AP Psychology

Required Summer Reading/Assignments

Overview: The summer reading for Advanced Placement Psychology is an essential prerequisite for the class and serves as a tool to prepare students for discussion, lectures, and debates. It is intended to help familiarize students with topics, concepts, and terms that are commonplace in the field of psychology. In this and all of your work, you should put forth the best product of which you are capable. This is independent work and should be completed without consult or help from anyone.

List A: [The Dictionary of Disorder \(*The New Yorker*, Jan. 3, 2005\)](#)
[The Naked Face \(*The New Yorker*, Aug. 5, 2002\)](#)
[What Makes Teens Tick \(*Time*, May 10, 2004\)](#)

List B: [A Neurologist's Notebook: Stereo Sue \(*The New Yorker*, June 19, 2006\)](#)
[Mirrors in the Mind \(*Scientific American*, November 2006\)](#)
[Mirrors: A Theory of Autism \(*Scientific American*, November 2006\)](#)
[A Reporter at Large: The Baby Lab \(*The New Yorker*, Sep. 4, 2006\)](#)
[Medical Dispatches: What's the Trouble? \(*The New Yorker*, Jan. 29, 2007\)](#)

Guidelines: Follow all rules of formal writing. For example, avoid first and second person (I, we, you), do not abbreviate or use contractions, check your drafts for correct spelling and grammar, etc. Please use Times New Roman, size 12 font, with double spacing. Use standard margins at top and bottom. Submissions must not exceed two pages per article.

Directions: Using resources at the local library or on the Internet please choose two articles (one from List A and one from List B) from above. Read both articles. On a separate sheet of paper, type the appropriate responses for each article:

1. In the heading, please include your name, date, and title of the article.
1. Bulleted List: Using your analytical skills, organize a bulleted list of the five or six most important points the author has made in this article. For example:
 - Point 1
 - Point 2
1. Vocabulary Terms: List five vocabulary terms specific to the topic used in this article, define each term, and explain why you think it is important
1. Illustrations: If the article you read does not include illustrations, then describe two illustrations or graphics that could or should be added to support the article or improve understanding. Additionally, explain why the graphics or illustrations enhance reader appreciation of the topic. If the article does include pictures, identify two that you feel are most helpful in enriching reader understanding of the material and explain why you chose them.
1. Psychology is the scientific study of human and animal behavior, including physical, cognitive, and emotional activities. Write a well-constructed paragraph of 5-8 sentences

(maximum) explaining how the article you read can be considered appropriate for summer reading for an AP Psychology course.

These two papers will count together as a test grade in the first quarter.