

# AP Psychology Summer Assignment

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Sparta High School

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Welcome, and congratulations on selecting AP Psychology, I look forward to meeting you in person to begin our adventure together. The course will be demanding and I encourage you to keep up with the work and the assignments. Like all AP courses, a lot of the onus will be on you, and I will be here to guide and facilitate the learning journey. We will be learning much about how “you” think and act, and so the course will be a lot of self-discovery and awareness. You may be surprised how much you can teach the rest of us regarding Psychology.

The following three assignments will be required to be handed in on the first week we return from summer.

**Those students taking an Advanced Placement course should demonstrate commitment and effort through the following assignments; you do not want your first impression to be one that would call your effort into question.**

## **Assignment #1: Due 9/9/16**

Your 1<sup>st</sup> assignment will be a formal introduction of yourself to me.

Draft an e-mail using the following rules:

- a. Use well written, complete sentences, using spell check to script a professional letter.
- b. Address it to [Michael.Wille@sparta.org](mailto:Michael.Wille@sparta.org)

- c. The Heading should read: **“AP Psychology: Introduction to <your name here>**
- d. Begin your e-mail with Mr. Wille.
- e. Introduce yourself and tell me about yourself, including:
  - a. What do you like to do (hobbies, music, sports, interests)
  - b. Do you have a job? Explain
  - c. Who are your family and what are they like?
  - d. What was the last book you read for enjoyment?
  - e. Are you taking any other AP courses?
  - f. Are you active in extra-curricular activities?
  - g. Why are you taking this class? What things interest you about psychology?
- f. End your e-mail with a formal closing: “Cordially, Sincerely, or With Regards” and your name.

## **Assignment #2: Due 9/16/16**

Task: Choose 1 book from the AP Psychology Reading List below.

You are responsible for reading and writing a 2-3 page book review for each book.

Book review will include the following:

1<sup>st</sup> Summarize the book, setting, characters, plot, key events, ect.  
1-2 paragraphs.

2<sup>nd</sup> Apply the book to a minimum of 2 aspects of Psychology (example- a character in the book has schizophrenia or depression; discuss the character, the symptoms, causes and treatment of the disorder.

3<sup>rd</sup> Did the author convey the psychological disorder effectively? How? Cite several instances that demonstrate the symptoms of the disorder? What did you learn from the book and are willing to share.

## Requirements

Title Page

Typed, 12 font

Times New Roman

Double Spaced

Give the book proper citation APA style on the top of the front page.

AP Psychology reading List. Be aware that some of the following books below address sensitive material such as child abuse/neglect. Be sure to read a synopsis of the book, to choose one that interests you. Do Not read a book that may be too unpleasant for you.

1. Algom, Mitch- Tuesdays with Morrie
2. Axline, Virginia-Dibs: in Search of Self
3. Baron, Naomi- Growing Up With Language
4. Baruch, Dorothy- One Little Boy
5. Beme, Eric- Games People Play
6. Burns, David- Feeling Good
7. Capote, Truman- In Cold Blood
8. Carnegie, Dale- How to Win Friends and Influence People
9. Chase, Trudi- When Rabbit Howls
10. Craig, Eleanor- P.S. You're Not Listening
11. Crichton, Michael- The Terminal Man
12. Elkind, David- The Hurried Child

13. Fast, Julius- Body Language
14. Gardner, Howard- Creating Minds
15. Gibson, William- The Miracle Worker
16. Harris, Thomas- I'm OK, You're OK
17. Levin, Meyer- Compulsions
18. Lorenz, Konrad- King Solomon's Ring
19. Mayer, Robert- Through Divided Minds
20. Peck, M. Scott- The Road Less Traveled
21. Pirsig, Robert- Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance
22. Plath, Sylvia- The Bell Jar
23. Rogers, Carl- On Becoming a Person
24. Rymer, Russ- Genie
25. Schreiber, Flora R.- Sybil
26. Seager, Stephen- Psych Ward: A Year Behind Closed Doors
27. Seligman, Martin- The Optimistic Child
28. Skinner, B.F.- Walden-Two: Beyond Freedom and Dignity
29. Wurtzel, Elizabeth- Prozac Nation
30. Sacks, Oliver- The Man Who Mistook his Wife for a Hat

If Not on the list, you need to give me a description and get my approval.