

AP Psychology – Summer Assignment

Due: FIRST DAY!!!

Worth: 30 points as an assignment, with a test at the beginning of the school year on the material.

This course has been designed to help you prepare for and pass the AP Psychology Exam in May. During the school year, it is my hope to provide you with a working knowledge of the theories, personalities, and important terms in psychology. However, in order to provide you with a solid foundation for success in this course (who wants a 5 on that test?) and to discover the great diversity of this field, I am giving you the opportunity to read selected sections from *Forty Studies That Changed Psychology*, by Roger R. Hock. The most recent is the 6th edition. Your summer assignment is geared towards investigating some of the most influential psychological research to date. The historical studies discussed in this text continue to be cited, stirred up controversy when first published, directed new research, and changed our understanding of human behavior. In addition, this is information that appears most frequently on the AP Psychology Exam, thus, early preparation can only lead you one step further toward success on the AP Exam.

After the reading, you are to **complete the "Study Guide Questions"** that are included with this assignment. Your summaries should reflect your ability to critically analyze material.

If you have **any** questions about these requirements, please see me as soon as possible, before the end of this school year. During the summer, you can contact me via email at tjensen@hopatcongschools.org. Don't hesitate to call either, 973-723-0985.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jensen

THE ASSIGNMENT:

Forty Studies that Changed Psychology, 6th Edition, New Jersey, Prentice Hall

You may purchase/review this book in one of several ways. You do not need to purchase the book in order to complete this assignment. If you do wish to purchase the book, you will be able to continue to use it throughout the rest of the school year as there will be opportunities for credit from the other readings. In addition, at the end of the school year you will be able to donate your book for some additional credit.

If you would like a paperback copy of the book, you may purchase it through Amazon or Barnes and Noble. The average cost of this book is \$32 new; however, there are used copies starting at approximately \$24.

The links below for each chapter reading will provide you with another way to learn about the studies and are an alternative way to complete the assignment.

Part 1: Reading Assignment

Chapter 1 – Biology and Human Behavior: “Are you a Natural?”

[Are You A Natural - Chapter 1 of 40 Studies](#)

Chapter 2 – Perception and Consciousness: “To Sleep, No Doubt to Dream.”

[To Sleep, No Doubt to Dream - Chapter 2 of 40 Studies](#)

Chapter 3 – Learning and Conditioning: “It’s Not Just About Salivating Dogs,” **and** “Little Emotional Albert.” (Be sure to read both)

[It's Not Just About Salivating Dogs! - Chapter 3 of 40 Studies](#)

[Little Emotional Albert - Chapter 3 of 40 Studies](#)

Chapter 4 – Intelligence, Cognition, and Memory: “What You Expect Is What You Get.”

[What You Expect is What You Get - Chapter 4 of 40 Studies](#)

Chapter 5 – Human Development: “Discovering Love.”

[Discovering Love - Chapter 5 of 40 Studies](#)

Chapter 7 – Personality: “Are You The Master Of Your Fate?”

[Are you the Master of your Fate - Chapter 7 of 40 Studies](#)

Chapter 8 – Psychopathology: “Learning to Be Depressed.”

[Learning to be depressed -- Chapter 8 of 40 studies](#)

Chapter 10 – Social Psychology: “A Prison by any Other Name,” **and** “To Help or Not To Help”

[A Prison by any other name -- Chapter 10 of 40 studies](#)

[To Help or not To Help - Chapter 10 of 40 Studies](#)

Part 2: Study Guide:

Summarize each article. Follow the format below. Be sure to answer EACH question. This section may be typed or NEATLY handwritten. If I cannot read your assignment, it WILL NOT be scored.

1. What question was the researcher trying to answer (What aspect of human behavior were they interested in)?
2. Summarize the results of the study.
3. Discuss ONE example of the significance of the study OR ONE criticism directed toward the research.
4. Discuss ONE example of subsequent research in this area OR recent applications of this study.
5. What did you learn? Did this study challenge any of your previous beliefs about psychology? Explain.

Article Summaries: 30 points (3 points each article)