

ACHS SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT
2021-2022

AP Psychology

40 Studies That Changed Psychology
DUE NO LATER THAN Wednesday, 9/30/2021

Welcome to AP Psych! This course is an elective, college-level course that will deal with content that will require maturity on behalf of the students enrolled in it. We will be learning about what makes people behave the way that they do; please be mindful that we will be discussing real-life issues that people are dealing with every day.

Psychology is the study of behavior and mental processes, and it IS a science. As a science, all of modern psychology is centered on research, and to prep you for the class (as well as give you an interesting insight into the sometimes-fun, sometimes-terrifying world of the human mind), your summer assignment involves reading some of the most important and most famous studies conducted in the history of psychology.

If you have any questions over the summer, please reach out via REMIND. You can sign up by texting the code @acpsych to the phone number 81010. No phone? No problem. You can sign up using your email if you go to remind.com. I am also available on Instagram and Twitter @SolomonACHS.

Of the 40 Studies, you will be responsible for reading and completing the questions for studies below. You may choose ONE from EACH of the 10 categories:

1. History and Methods:

- Chapter 40 – “Obey at Any Cost?”

2. Biology and Human Behavior: You may choose any ONE of the following –

- Chapter 1 – “One Brain, or Two?”
- Chapter 2 – “More Experience = Bigger Brain”
- Chapter 3 – “Are You are ‘Natural’?”

3. Consciousness: You may choose any ONE of the following –

- Chapter 6 – “To Sleep, No Doubt to Dream...”
- Chapter 8 – “Acting As If You Are Hypnotized”

4. Learning: You may choose to do any ONE of the following –

- Chapter 9 – “Its Not Just About Salivating Dogs!”
- Chapter 10 – “Little Emotional Albert <- **This is HIGHLY recommended.**

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5. **Cognition and Memory:** You may choose to do any ONE of the following –
 - Chapter 13 – “What You Expect is What You Get”
 - Chapter 16 – “Thanks for the Memories!”
6. **Human Development:** You may choose to do any ONE of the following –
 - Chapter 18 – “Out of Sight, But Not Out of Mind”
 - Chapter 19 – “How Moral Are You?”
7. **Emotion and Motivation:** You may choose to do any ONE of the following –
 - Chapter 21 – “A Sexual Motivation...”
 - Chapter 22 – “I Can See It All Over Your Face!”
8. **Personality:**
 - Chapter 25 – “Are You the Master of Your Fate?”
9. **Psychopathology:**
 - Chapter 29 – “Who’s Crazy Here, Anyway?”
 - Chapter 31 – “Learning to Be Depressed”
10. **Social Psychology:** You may choose to do any ONE of the following –
 - Chapter 37 – “A Prison By Any Other Name...”
 - Chapter 38 – “The Power of Conformity”

Grading

You will be graded on your answers to the questions on the back of this page – each of these consists of TWO separate grades.

- **Completion Grade (Formative)**
 - I will check to make sure ALL the questions are answered for the studies.
 - Each article is worth 10 points (100 points).
- **Accuracy and Critical Thought (Summative)**
 - I will choose FOUR of the studies to grade based on the quality of your responses. I will be looking at detail in explanations, as well as answers that show a high level of analysis and critical thinking.
 - Each article is worth 25 points (100 points).
 - If you are missing articles, it will be counted against this grade as well.

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THIS IS AN INDIVIDUAL ASSIGNMENT. That means that ANY instance of plagiarism will result in zeroes on this assignment. This includes:

- Answers from online.
- Copying directly from the book without citations.
- Sharing or dividing work with friends (includes direct copying of answers and/or paraphrasing)

How Do I Do This?

Two options:

1) **Online**

- a. Create a Word doc in DCPS's Office 365 and answer the questions there.
 - You can access this by going to OneView and choosing Word in the SharePoint menu in the upper left-hand corner.
- b. Share with me to get credit, use the following file format:
40Studies_FirstName.LastName

2) **On paper**

- a. You can do this on notebook paper and turn it into me.

Either way, this is due on **Wednesday, 9/30/2021**.

Where Can I Find the Book?

You can find the book online, on our website. Each PDF is listed and usable for you. Alternatively, if you like it a lot, you can always get copies cheaply on Amazon.

Website: <https://solomonr1.weebly.com/>

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All responses should follow this format.
Answers can be bulleted, but they MUST be in complete sentences.
Use numbers to tell me which part you are answering.

Basic Info:

Article Title: _____

Author: _____

Date of Study (year only): _____

- 1) **Description of the design/setup of the design:** How was the study conducted? What did the researchers do?

- 2) **Significance of the study to the “body of knowledge” (what we know) of psychology:** What were the results of the study? What did it demonstrate about human behavior or mental processes? Did it go against any previous theories, and why?

- 3) **Criticism/Subsequent research:** Which of the criticisms given do you agree with most? Explain. Do you have any criticisms of your own to add? What other research has been done to follow up this study. (Okay, yes, sometimes not all studies have clear criticisms. That’s okay – make a note of it, and fully discuss the subsequent research.)

- 4) **Applications:** How does this study relate to you? Have you experienced/seen something similar? Can you think of an important current event that this relates to? (Again, you don’t have to answer all the questions here, as long as one is discussed in detail)

- 5) **Surprises:** What did you learn from reading about this study? What surprised you?