

AP Psychology Summer Reading Assignment

Please note: Advanced Placement courses are rigorous and require students to learn as much as an introductory college course on the subject. To ensure that students are ready for this challenge, preparation in the summer prior to the course provides background knowledge and information that is necessary for students to succeed in the coursework.

Both Part A and Part B are due on the first day of class.

Part A:

Summarize each of these seven studies / experiments listed below in 2 paragraphs (5-6 sentences per paragraph). This must be <u>handwritten</u>. Be sure to mention the name of the researcher, the purpose of the study, the set-up / what happened, and the significant outcomes. Additionally, tell me if the research was ethical or unethical and include why or why not as part of your discussion.

- Please search for each study/experiment online to find the information necessary to complete your summaries for Part A.
 - 1. Stanford prison experiment (Zimbardo)
 - 2. Milgram's obedience experiment (electric shocks)
 - 3. Harry Harlow's experiment (insecure vs. secure attachment experiment with monkeys)
 - 4. Pavlov's experiment (dogs and conditioning)
 - 5. Little Albert experiment (conditioning fear/response)
 - 6. Solomon Asch conformity experiments (group think/conformity)
 - 7. Bandura experiment (Bobo doll/nature versus nurture)

Part B:

Please hand draw a picture of the brain, label and describe all the following structures:

(1-2) Sentences for each structure, must be handwritten!

(Search online to find answers for Part B)

- Frontal lobe
- Parietal lobe
- Temporal lobe
- Occipital lobe
- The Brain stem
- Pons
- Medulla
- Midbrain
- Cerebellum
- Thalamus
- Hypothalamus
- Limbic system
- Amygdala
- Hippocampus
- Limbic Cortex

The idea behind this is that most of what we discuss this year will be centered on your understanding of the brain and how it works.