

# AP Psychology

## Summer Assignment

Welcome to AP Psychology, I look forward to working with you next school year! AP Psychology is a comprehensive introductory course which covers an array of topics. You will gain exposure to a multitude of psychological principles, theories, phenomena, facts, and experiments that are associated with the major subfields of psychology.

AP Psychology is a course that requires rigorous study, daily reading, thorough note taking, and proper time management. Students who have done well in this course have dedicated the time and effort necessary to become comfortable with course material. It is my hope that this class paves the way for students to become accustomed to habits that are essential for success at the university level.

This summer all students are required to complete one assignment which is due for the first class. The summer work will be downgraded if turned in late. The assignment should be completed in a Google Doc and turned in through Google Classroom. Please read all directions carefully and be sure to complete all parts of the personal biography. Research will be necessary when completing the assignment. Be sure you cite all sources used to help you complete the assignment. Please use email to communicate with me this summer if you have any questions or would like me to check progress with work. My email is: [kennethgardiner@bristol12.org](mailto:kennethgardiner@bristol12.org) I hope you have a safe and relaxing summer and please do not hesitate to get in touch with me this summer if you have any questions. Looking forward to next school year!

Sincerely,

Mr. Gardiner

# Personal Biography

This narrative must be typed and should be at least 2-3 pages minimum. There are 5 topics I would like to see in the paper. (you are free to add anything not addressed in these prompts that you feel is important for me to get to know you as a person and a learner) You may set up and structure this essay in the way which you feel makes the most sense to you. Be sure to include a works cited page using either MLA or APA format.

## **Include:**

- Background information about yourself (education, family, hobbies, interests)
- A description of your personality (as you see it and how you think others view your personality) include strengths/areas you want to grow.
- Reasons for taking this course
- Goals and ambitions for when you complete high school. Where do you see yourself in 5 years, 10 years?
- A section about your own personal psychological perspective. This should include, what you believe psychology is, what role it has in your life and in society, and your perspective of the role of nature/nurture when it comes to explaining individual differences. I would also like you to discuss nature/nurture as it applies to making you who you are today, please provide examples. (some basic research will be necessary for this section, cite your sources MLA or APA, please go beyond the first few sites that pop up on Google)