

## Advanced Placement Psychology 2012 – 2013

### Summer Assignments

Welcome to AP Psych. As part of your commitment to college-level work, you'll need to complete the following assignments over the summer months.

#### 1. In the textbook, read and take notes on the following chapters:

Prologue and Chapter 1 (*Thinking Critically with Psychological Science*)

If you did not sign out a textbook, click [here](#) to find a scanned PDF of the chapters.

#### 2. Read at least one of the following books (check the school's and town's libraries, or purchase one):

- Crazy Like Us: The Globalization of the American Psyche by Ethan Watters
- NurtureShock by Po Bronson
- On Being Certain: Believing You Are Right Even When You're Not by Robert Burton
- Spark: The Revolutionary New Science of Exercise and the Brain by John Ratey
- The First Word: The Search for the Origins of Language by Christine Kenneally
- World as Laboratory: Experiments with Mice, Mazes, & Men by Rebecca Lemov
- Mind Wide Open: Your Brain & the Neuroscience of Everyday Life by Steven Johnson
- Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking by Susan Cain
- Incognito: The Secret Lives of the Brain by David Eagleman
- A Geography Of Time: On Tempo, Culture, And The Pace Of Life by Robert Levine
- Outliers: The Story of Success by Malcolm Gladwell
- Musicophilia: Tales of Music and the Brain, Revised and Expanded Edition by Oliver Sacks
- What Makes Your Brain Happy and Why You Should Do the Opposite by David DiSalvo
- How We Decide by Jonah Lehrer
- Stumbling on Happiness by Daniel Gilbert
- The Power of Habit: Why We Do What We Do in Life and Business by Charles Duhigg

After completing the book, write a paper (double-spaced, 12-point Times or Garamond font) that responds to the following prompts:

- Provide a brief synopsis of the book.
- Explain why you chose this particular book.
- What did you learn and find meaningful?
- What questions did it raise that you hope to have answered in AP Psych?

Throughout your paper, provide appropriately cited evidence from the book, including page numbers. Remember, this paper introduces your ability to write. Your teacher expects your finished paper to be critical, thoughtful, and grammatically correct.

**Your summer work will be worth 140 points (about 20% of your first term grade) and will include the following assignments:**

- Legible, handwritten notes on the two textbook chapters (collected on the first day; 40 points)
- Your paper, not to exceed four pages (collected on the first day; 100 points)

*Have a safe and enjoyable summer and we look forward to seeing you in September.*

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