

AP Psychology Summer Homework 2025-26

Hello AP Psychology Students

Welcome to AP Psychology. Here is some critical information that **MUST** be completed before the start of class. Students, please read carefully and complete each item below.

1. **Students must purchase The Story of Psychology, Updated and Revised Edition by Morton Hunt.** Everyone needs a copy of this book. This book is available as a paperback or e-book and can be purchased new or used on Amazon or other online retailers. **All students need this book for the 2024-2025 academic year and to complete three chapters for summer reading (directions to follow)**
2. **Story of Psychology 1st Summer chapter reading,** students must read pages 20-35. This reading will cover Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle. Students must write a one-paragraph summary (5-7 sentences) that includes the most important/exciting things about each philosopher (based on the reading from the Story of Psychology). When complete, submit one assignment with three separate short paragraphs: one on Socrates, one on Aristotle, and one on Plato. Students will submit this assignment as a PDF on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, to CANVAS at 8:15 a.m.
3. **Story of Psychology 2nd Summer chapter reading:** Read the chapter titled **First Among Equals: Wundt**, pages 140-154. Students must write a one-paragraph summary (5-8 sentences in length) of this chapter and submit it to CANVAS as a PDF on Friday, September 5, 2025.
4. **Study of Psychology 3rd Summer chapter Reading:** Read the chapter titled **The Psychologist Malgre Lui William James, pages 159-181**, and write a one-paragraph summary of the reading (7-10 sentences in length). This assignment is due on Monday, September 8, 2025, as a PDF on Canvas.
5. Students must watch the [AP Psychology Course Orientation Loom Videos](#), which will cover the course syllabus, honor code, Research Paper, Research Project, and how to sign up for REMIND. Students must complete this by Tuesday, September 2, 2025. I expect everyone to understand the course mechanics after listening to these videos.
6. **Students are required to listen and take notes on [Unit 1 Loom Videos 1-12](#).** Students must submit their notes as PDFs in CANVAS on Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025, at 8:15 a.m. We will use our first day of class to address questions and see if you have come up with solutions to Hans the Clever Horse. We will also discuss the reading on Socrates, Aristotle, and Plato. Be prepared for September 2nd, 2024.
7. **All students are required to order Biological Psychology by James Kalat.** Biological Psychology is the course textbook and an outstanding student resource throughout the year. Everyone needs a copy of this book. Students should order the 12th-14th editions (the 14th is the most current version). The content is virtually the same among different

editions; the most significant difference is their pricing. Students should feel free to use any of them. We will begin using Biological Psychology on or around September 11th, so students have some time to purchase or borrow a copy.

8. **Barron's AP Psychology.** Everyone needs a copy of this book. Barron's book is designed to prepare students for the AP exam. It breaks down material into chapters with short summaries and practice quizzes, allowing students to test their understanding. Every Barron AP guide includes three practice AP multiple-choice exams and essay questions. Students will find this to be an essential resource throughout the year. I encourage families to pick up a new or used copy as soon as possible. If you prefer a different brand, feel free to use or buy what you are comfortable using. The AP Psychology exam was revised in 2025, so be sure you buy the MOST recent edition of a review guide.
9. **AP Psychology Course Pack** by John Dougherty. The course pack is a compilation of articles and resources. I will hand this out on our first day of class. (It cannot be purchased on the Internet.)
10. Students can take notes with a notebook, pen, iPad, or laptop. All course PowerPoint and Outline files will be downloadable through Canvas.
11. **REMIND.** Students need to download this app to their Android or iOS devices. It enables two-way text messaging between students and teachers, eliminating the need to exchange personal contact information. See my [LOOM video](#) for instructions.
12. [AP Psychology Research Paper Requirements:](#) Students should read this document.
13. [AP Psychology Research Project Requirements:](#) Students should read this document.
14. [AP Psychology Syllabus 2025-2026](#) Students should read this document.
15. [AP Psychology Academic Integrity, Emotional Health, and Academic Stress Contract:](#) Students are required to read and submit this contract to Canvas at the beginning of the year.
16. When AP Psychology begins the week of September 1, 2025, we will start covering material to stay on track for the AP Psychology exam in the spring of 2026. So come to class on our first official day, ready to begin the live lectures where the Loom lectures left off.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding AP Psychology and the course materials, please don't hesitate to email me at JDougherty@dcds.edu. I look forward to meeting students on September 2nd and starting AP Psychology. In the meantime, I hope you all enjoy the remaining days of your summer vacation, stay safe, and remain healthy.

Sincerely,

John Dougherty