

## FRQ Terms (UNITS REFER TO THE CHAPTERS IN MYERS' PSYCHOLOGY FOR AP 1E)

These are all of the terms, concepts, and topics that have appeared on the AP Psych FRQ's in the past 9 years. The number you see after some terms refers to how frequently they have been used. I have taken out the units (Social Psychology and Clinical Psychology) that will not be tested on this year due to the abbreviated test. Some terms have been used more than once. For example: Operational Definition has shown up on one of the FRQ's 6 times in the last 9 years.

**NOTE:** This year the AP Psychology exam will consist of the FRQ portion only. The more exposure you have to essential concepts and vocabulary, the better! Familiarize yourself with [past FRQ's](#) and stay tuned for more information regarding the test.

Unit 1 & 2 Perspectives and Research Methods	Unit 3 The Brain- Biological Bases of Behavior	Unit 4 Sensation & Perception	Unit 5 States of Consciousness
Operational Definition (6) Experiment (6) Correlation (6) Dependent Variable (5) Statistical Significance (4) Random Assignment (3) Experiments (2) Double-blind Study (2) Independent Variable APA Ethical Guidelines for Hypothesis Illusory Correlation Mean Median Descriptive Statistics Inferential Statistics Single-blind Study Random Selection Survey Case Study Naturalistic Observation	Prefrontal Cortex (3) Sympathetic Nervous System (2) Adrenal Glands (2) Dopamine & the Reward Center Somatosensory Cortex (Sensory Cortex) Motor Neuron Serotonin Motor Cortex Broca's Area Myelin Sheath Occipital Lobe Evolutionary Psychology Cerebellum Acetylcholine (ACh) Long Term Potentiation	Retinal Disparity (2) Difference Threshold (2) Selective Attention Sensory Adaptation Color Blindness Absolute Threshold Basilar Membrane Inattentional Blindness Rods Proximity Fovea Feature Detectors Closure (Gestalt) Cocktail Party Effect Figure Ground	Circadian Rhythm (2) REM Sleep
			Unit 6 Learning
			Modeling (2) Schedules of Reinforcement (2) Positive Reinforcement (2) Negative Reinforcement Observational Learning Conditioned Response Pavlov Secondary Reinforcer Operant Conditioning Reinforcement

Unit 7 Cognition	Unit 8 Motivation	Unit 9 Development	Unit 10 Personality
Availability Heuristic (3) Distributed Practice (3) Prospective Memory (2) Retroactive Interference (2) Proactive Interference (2) Confirmation Bias (2) Procedural Memory (2) State-dependent Memory (2) Encoding Failure (2) Algorithm Source Amnesia Source Misattribution Phoneme Modeling Chunking Language Acquisition Serial Position Effect Episodic Memory Representative Heuristic Functional Fixedness Explicit Memory (Aka-Declarative memory) Cognitive Maps Imagery Context-dependent Memory Convergent Thinking Implicit Memory (Aka Nondeclarative) Heuristic Mnemonic	Overjustification Effect (2) Drive-reduction Theory External Cues GAS – Alarm Phase GAS – Resistance Phase (Selye) GAS – Exhaustion Phase Incentive Theory Hunger Anorexia Nervosa Arousal Theory Two-factor Theory of Emotion (Schacter-Singer) Approach-Approach Conflict	Postconventional Morality (2) Cross-sectional Study (2) Longitudinal Study (2) Habituation Social Learning Theory (Bandura) Authoritarian Parent Identity v. Role Confusion - Erikson Fluid Intelligence Crystallized Intelligence Preconventional Morality Permissive Parent ( <u>Baumrind</u> ) Conservation Criticism of Piaget's Theory Piaget's Stages Gender Role	Self-efficacy (5) Intrinsic Motivation (3) Big Five Traits (3) Conscientiousness (2) Extraversion Unconditional Positive Regard ( <u>Rogers</u> ) Extrinsic Motivation Reciprocal Determinism ( <u>Bandura</u> ) External Locus of Control Internal Locus of Control Defense Mechanisms Reaction Formation Regression Self-actualization
			Unit 11 Intelligence
			Belief Perseverance (2) Divergent Thinking Predictive Validity Practical Intelligence Mental Set