

AP Psychology Summer Assignment

Welcome to AP Psychology. Your Summer Assignment requires on-line access and/or library resources. If you cannot access the internet from home, all public libraries in Pasco County have numerous computers for public use. Answer the following questions in short-essay format (3-7 sentences, depending on the complexity of the subject) in your own words. This assignment may appear overwhelming at first glance, but it is actually fairly easy and brief. The assignment also addresses some of the major researchers, theories and concepts we will study in the coming year, so it will prove useful to you.

******This assignment must be hand-written and will be due the second day of class. It will be your first test grade.***

I. What is psychology? Elaborate beyond a “textbook” definition.

II. Identify all 15 of the following important figures in psychology and describe their most significant contributions:

Albert Bandura

Abraham Maslow

Carl Rogers

Howard Gardner

Erik Erikson

Ivan Pavlov

Sigmund Freud

William James

B.F. Skinner

Jean Piaget

Wilhelm Wundt

Philip Zimbardo

John Watson

Lawrence Kohlberg

Stanley Milgrim

III. Describe, Explain, and give an example of the Nature versus Nurture debate.