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To Whom It May Concern:

Students enrolled in Advanced Placement Psychology are required to complete the summer assignment as detailed below. You will be reading a series of ten articles and critically analyzing and synthesizing the material. Your summer assignment is geared towards investigating some of the most influential psychological research to date. The studies discussed in the articles assigned have stirred up controversy, directed new research, and changed our understanding of human behavior. In addition, this is information that appears most frequently on the AP Psychology Exam, thus, early preparation can only lead you one step further toward success on the National Exam in May. It is the responsibility of the student to acquire the ten articles listed. You can do that by either going to any of our websites and printing each article or you may purchase the book from which the articles were pulled, **Hock, Roger R., Forty Studies that Changed Psychology, 6th Edition, New Jersey, Prentice Hall.**

After the reading, you are to complete the **Analysis Questions** that are included with this assignment. Your summaries should reflect your ability to critically analyze the material. Be detailed, specific, and USE YOUR OWN WORDS (NO group work is allowed)!

You will be taking a test on the readings on the first day of class at which time the Analysis Questions are due as well..

If you have any questions about these requirements, please see any of the AP Psychology teachers as soon as possible. During the summer, you may contact each of us via our school [email:](mailto:emarkey@neshaminy.k12.pa.us%20) emarkey@neshaminy.org

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**Every student will need to read the following ten (10) articles:**

1. **Biology and Human Behavior:** "Are you a Natural?"
2. **Perception and Consciousness:** "To Sleep, No Doubt to Dream"
3. **Learning and Conditioning:** "It's Not Just About Salivating Dogs" **AND** "Little Emotional Albert"
4. **Intelligence, Cognition, and Memory:** "What You Expect Is What You Get"
5. **Human Development:** "Discovering Love"
6. **Personality:** "Are You The Master of Your Fate?"
7. **Psychopathology:** "Learning to Be Depressed"
8. **Social Psychology:** "A Prison by any Other Name" **AND** "To Help or Not to Help"

**Analysis Questions:**

Summarize each of the ten articles following the format below. Be sure to answer EACH question for EACH article! **You will be required to turn in a hard copy on Day 1 and please be prepared to submit an electronic copy to turnitin.com as well after receiving instructions from your teacher on Day 1**

1. What question was the researcher trying to answer? (What aspect of human behavior were they interested in?)

1. Summarize the results of the study.
2. Discuss ONE example of the significance of the study OR ONE criticism directed toward the research.
3. Discuss ONE example of subsequent research in this area OR recent application of this study.
4. What did you learn? How did this study improve your understanding of psychology? Explain.

**Grading:** Your assignment will be verified online by the first day of class along with the test you have to take. The total point value for the summer assignment and the test is 200 points for the first marking period!

\*\*\*We also recommend (NOT required) picking up any of the AP Psychology prep books. It is an extremely useful tool in helping you to prepare for the National Exam. You can find **Barron's AP Psychology** test prep book in any major book retail store or you can purchase online.

Enjoy your summer! We look forward to an exciting and rewarding school year with all of you!

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