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AP Psychology Summer Assignment 2020

Future AP Psychology Students:

I am looking forward to seeing each of you in class. This summer assignment will help prepare you for our year together in AP Psychology. Internet access is required to complete the summer assignment (all public libraries have computers for use and there are hotspots throughout the county). Summer assignments are due the first week of school. Assignments will be graded. Assignments that are complete and turned in on time will earn maximum points. Assignment may be handwritten or typed. The summer assignment is posted on both the IB school website, <http://bhsib.polk-fl.net/> and Romaine’s class website, [www.psychgroove.com](http://www.psychgroove.com). I will check my email during the summer a few times each week. Please contact me with any questions or for clarification about assignment.

**Part A - TED Talks**

TED is a nonprofit organization devoted to spreading ideas that cover almost all topics in 18 minutes or less. Listed below are twelve talks that are relevant to our study of psychology. Please choose **four** of the twelve talks to watch at [www.ted.com](http://www.ted.com). Choose **one of the four talks** that you watch to write a three-paragraph summary, application, and opinion response.

First, summarize the key points in the talk.

Next, discuss the real-world application of the topic presented.

Finally, provide your opinion of the talk.

Each paragraph should consist of six to eight complete sentences. Please include the topic of the talk and the name of speaker at the beginning of your response. After your response, list the three other talks that you watched. There will be class discussions about the Ted Talks at the beginning of the school year.

#### Amy Cuddy – Body language shapes who you are

#### Carol Dweck - [The power of believing that you can improve](https://www.ted.com/talks/carol_dweck_the_power_of_believing_that_you_can_improve)

#### Elizabeth Loftus – How reliable is your memory?

#### Susan Cain – The power of introverts

#### Joachim de Posada – Don’t eat the marshmallow!

#### Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi – Flow, the secret to happiness

#### Martin Seligman – New era of positive psychology

#### Sue Klebold – My son was a Columbine shooter. This is my story.

#### Jill Bolte Taylor – My stroke of insight

#### Robert Waldinger – What makes a good life? Lessons from the longest study on happiness

#### Andrew Solomon – Love, no matter what

* Sarah-Jayne Blakemore – The mysterious workings of the adolescent brain

**Part B – Introduction to Psychology**

This part of the summer assignment will begin our first unit of study – Scientific Foundations of Psychology. The focus of the assignment is on the research contributions of historical figures, theoretical approaches, and areas in psychology. Access the online text *Psychology 2E* on OpenStax. OpenStax is part of Rice University and offers free high-quality materials for college and AP courses. You can either download a pdf of the text or read online at

<https://openstax.org/details/books/psychology-2e>.

Online text – *Psychology 2E*: Read Chapter 1 – Introduction to Psychology

* Section 1.2 – History of Psychology:

Make a graphic organizer or chart of the major psychologists and a description of their key contributions to psychology (study, research, stages, or key terms).

* Section 1.3 – Contemporary Psychology:

Outline the major contemporary areas of psychology including a brief description and the important figures in each area.

* At the end of Chapter I:

Answer the Critical Thinking Questions (16-23)

Respond to the Personal Application Questions (24-27)