

Dear AP Psychology students,

Welcome to AP Psychology! I am thrilled that you will be a part of this class in the 2017-2018 school year. This class will prepare you to take the AP Psychology exam on May 7<sup>th</sup> and (hopefully) earn college credit. Although this class will be fun and interesting, it will also be challenging at times. However, I know that all of you are capable of being successful in this class! Attached are the summer assignments. There are three parts and you must complete all of these and have them ready to turn in the **FIRST DAY OF CLASS** as these assignments **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED LATE!** Be sure to complete these because it will be a significant portion of your first quarter grade and will help you prepare for the test in May. Just a note of caution, I do not accept plagiarized work. If you plagiarize any assignment in my class, expect a 0, multiple detentions, and potential removal from the class. Below are the expectations on format for the two parts of the summer assignment.



**Part I: What is Psychology Essay.** This must be TYPED!

Directions: You must write a 1 page, typed, double spaced paper about what you believe Psychology is and what Psychology includes. This essay will be about 300 words in total. You can discuss what you have heard about with Psychology, any theorist that you know of, any facts (or you think they are facts) that you know about Psychology. The purpose of this assignment is to see how much you know and to challenge you to think about what topics made you decide to take this class. Please do this on your own based on your own knowledge and don't use research to answer this question. Do this step first!

**Part 2: Sign Up!**

Before can complete Part 2, please sign up for Remind and Google Classroom. The instructions for each of them are below, but you absolutely need Google Classroom in order to access the articles.

Remind- to get text message or push button updates on assignments throughout the year

Text @thsappsyd to the number 81010 to get messages or download the app

Google Classroom- to get access to resources and assignments throughout the year (and Summer articles)

Log into your school google account. Go to [classroom.google.com](https://classroom.google.com) and go to "Join Class" (+ in the right corner). Type in the code. otcj8z If you have questions about joining, please let me know.

Parents/Guardians also have the option to join Google Classroom and Remind if they are interested.

**Part 3: 40 Studies Article Analysis**

Directions: You have the text of 6 studies that were monumental in Psychology. These are studies that we will discuss throughout the year as well, but these is almost a guarantee for the study or the concept to come up on the test in May. You must read each of the 6 articles and complete an analysis worksheet for each article (total of 6 worksheet to be completed). If you lose the worksheets, it will be on the Google Classroom as well. As the instructions state, the summaries must be **HAND-WRITTEN**. In order to access these articles please log into the Google Classroom.

If you have any questions about these assignments or the class in general, please email me at [rthorman@trlsd.org](mailto:rthorman@trlsd.org).

I look forward to having you in the class this upcoming year and have a great summer!

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