

AP Psychology Suggested Summer Assignment 2019  
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Welcome to AP Psychology! I am thrilled to teach you this year and hope you are excited for this class. The following assignment will introduce you to psychological thinking. It is meant to get you PUMPED about psychology, not stress you out. AP Psychology should not cause tears and sadness. Choose a book that you are interested in and have fun with the assignment.

**Assignment**

Psychologists have several different ways of interpreting human behavior: Do we do the things we do because of genetics? Our brain chemistry? Are we acting on repressed emotions? Or, have our brains simply been trained to behave a certain way? These are the questions we'll be exploring all year. To begin your journey: **Read** a book from the list below. Then, **analyze one of the characters/people** in your book through **each** the following psychological perspectives:

- Biological
- Psychoanalytic
- Humanistic
- Cognitive
- Behavioral

You can read about these perspectives using the links below. If you are confused, we will discuss this topic during the first week of school.

- <http://mrmcnabb.weebly.com/5-major-perspectives-in-psychology.html>
- <https://www.simplypsychology.org/perspective.html>

**Format and Due Date**

Your analysis should be 2-3 pages typed, Times New Roman, 12 point font, and double-spaced. Submit your work on September 19 (A) or September 20 (B), with the permission form below stapled to your work.

**Book Suggestions**

Please discuss your book selection with your parent/guardian and have them sign the permission slip below. Some of these books address sensitive topics, including self-harm and suicide. An appropriate choice for one person may be upsetting to another. **Staple the permission slip to the front of your summer assignment.**

Nonfiction/Memoir:

- *Girl: Interrupted* by Susanna Kaysen
- *Coming Clean* by Kimberly Rae Miller
- *As Nature Made Him: The Boy who was Raised as a Girl* by John Colapinto

Fiction:

- *It's Kind of a Funny Story* by Ned Vizzini
- *Silver Linings Playbook* by Matthew Quick
- *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* by Ken Kesey

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AP Psychology Summer Reading Permission Slip  
Staple this to the front of your summer assignment.

I have approved the book that my child will be reading for their AP Psychology summer reading assignment.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Summer Reading Rubric

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	5	4	3	2	1	SCORE
Analysis	Paper gives a thorough and thoughtful analysis of the character. All perspectives are analyzed correctly.	Paper gives a thorough and thoughtful analysis of the character. All but one perspectives are analyzed correctly.	The character analysis lacks depth or all but two perspectives are analyzed correctly.	Two perspectives are analyzed correctly.	One or zero perspectives are analyzed correctly.	Raw Score x 3 = ____/15
Spelling, grammar and mechanics		Paper is free of spelling, grammatical and mechanical errors.	There are 1-3 errors that do not interfere with understanding.	There are more than 4-7 errors that may or may not interfere with understanding.	There are several spelling, grammar or mechanical errors that interfere with understanding.	Raw score x 2 = ____/8
Format				The paper is correctly formatted.	The paper is not 2-3 pages typed, is in the right font or is not double-spaced.	Raw score x 1 = ____/2
					Total	/25