AP Psychology Summer Assignment: Forty Studies

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Welcome to AP Psychology! In order to prepare for your year-long course in AP Psychology, you are encouraged to complete a summer reading project which is designed to enrich your knowledge of psychology, enhance your interest, and prepare you for the level of discussion in this course. Each AP Psychology student needs to obtain an electronic or hard copy of Forty Studies That Changed Psychology: Explorations Into The History of Psychological Research (6th edition) by Roger R. Hock to read between now and the beginning of class on August 5th.

This Assignment is Optional BUT Highly Recommended. If you have other priorities, do what you can. Doing some is better than doing none. If you are unable to complete this during the summer, many of these studies will be part of the class and some may be assigned throughout the school academic year. Completion of the assignment and submission by the first day of class, will result in a grade that can be used as a replacement grade on any summative assessment except for a semester or year end exam.

The historical studies discussed in this book stirred up controversy when first published, directed new research, and changed our understanding of human behavior. They continue to be cited by researchers today. Please follow the listed format and requirements in completing your project. Read the instructions carefully. NO GROUP WORK is allowed. Work that has been copied or plagiarized will earn a grade of "zero."

- A. Reading Assignment: Choose 10 of the "Forty Studies That Changed Psychology". You are required to read the Preface (vii xii) and the introduction for each section. You are required to read ten of the studies listed but are free to read any other study of interest to you.
 - 1: "One Brain or Two?"
 - 4. "Watch Out For The Visual Cliff!"
 - 6. "To Sleep, No Doubt To Dream"
 - 8. "Acting As If You Are Hypnotized"
 - 9. "It's Not Just About Salivating Dogs"
 - 10. "Little Emotional Albert"
 - 11. "See Aggression...Do Aggression"
 - 12. "Just How Are You Intelligent?"
 - 16. "Thanks For The Memories"
 - 17. "Discovering Love"
 - 19. "How Moral Are You?"
 - 22. "I Can See It All Over Your Face!"
 - 26. "Masculine Or Feminine...Or Both?"
 - 29. "Who's Crazy Here, Anyway?"
 - 30. "You're Getting Defensive Again"
 - 34. "Psychotherapy: "Relaxing Your Fears Away"
 - 37. "A Prison By Any Other Name"
 - 38. "The Power of Conformity"
 - 39. "To Help Or Not To Help"
 - 40. "Obey at Any Cost?"

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- B. Article Summaries Follow the format below for your chosen 10 of the 20 studies listed. Be sure to answer EACH question. THIS SECTION MUST BE NEATLY HANDWRITTEN. DO NOT TYPE THIS PART OF THE ASSIGNMENT. If your assignment cannot be read relatively easily, it WILL NOT be scored. Maximum of 1 summary per side of each page. Clearly Title each page by the Study read and summarized.
- 1. What question was the researcher trying to answer?
- 2. Summarize the research methods used.
- 3. Summarize the results of the study.
- 4. Discuss ONE example of the significance of the study OR ONE criticism directed toward the research.
- 5. Discuss ONE example of subsequent research in this area OR recent applications of this study.
- 6. What did you learn? Were you surprised by the results?
- 7. Did this study challenge any of your previous beliefs? Explain.

5 of these ten Summaries should be completed by July 8 with all ten completed and turned in at the beginning of class on August 5th. Please email Mr. Berry at gcpsk12.org with any questions or support needs.

Forty Studies that Changed Psychology: Explorations into the History of Psychological Research (Paperback) By Roger R. Hock Sixth Edition, 2008 ISBN-13: 978-0136035992

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"This unique book closes the gap between psychology books and the research that made them possible. Its journey through the 'headline history' of psychology presents 40 of the most famous studies in the history of the science, and subsequent follow-up studies that expanded their findings and relevance. Readers are granted a valuable insider's look at the studies that continue to be cited most frequently, stirred up the most psychological exploration, and changed most dramatically our knowledge of human behavior." ~ From Amazon.com

