

## **Welcome to AP Psychology!**

### **Summer Assignment**

Hello! I'm Mr. Noriega and I will be your teacher in the upcoming school year for AP Psychology. In this course, we will explore the fascinating field of psychology and gain a deep understanding of human behavior and mental processes.

Psychology is the scientific study of behavior and mental processes. In this course, we will delve into the various subfields of psychology, including social psychology, clinical psychology (psychological disorders), developmental psychology, and cognitive psychology, just to name a few. We will study the theories, concepts, and methods used in psychology to understand and explain human behavior.

An AP course is the equivalent of a rigorous **college-level course**, equivalent to a course taken during the first year of college. The curriculum for an AP course, created by the College Board, will prepare students to take a national exam in May. Each student enrolled in an AP course is expected to take the AP exam and receive college credit.

The best way to reach me is via email: [Shaun.Noriega@imgacademy.education](mailto:Shaun.Noriega@imgacademy.education). However, as it will be summer, I may take a little bit of time to respond, so please be patient.

Your summer assignment is due the first day our class meets when school resumes in the fall.

Have a great summer and I hope you enjoy learning about the fascinating world of Psychology!

### **Part 1: AP Psych Unit 0\_ Reading Guide Summer Work 2025 (This is a separate PDF file)**

For this part of the summer assignment, you will become familiar with "Unit 0" of AP Psychology, which focuses on an Introduction to Psychological Sciences by completing a reading assignment and guide. To do so, you will need to access the associated readings, which is a [Myers AP pdf file](#) (sorry it was scanned and some pages are a bit crooked)

Your task will be to read the section carefully, take notes, and answer the questions fully.

Remember, this assignment will help you prepare for the upcoming school year by providing an overview of sciences and research in psychology. So, take your time, read carefully, and don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. You will notice that vocabulary is incredibly important for this course, so please do your best to complete it to your understanding.

I hope you find this assignment engaging and informative, and I am looking forward to seeing your completed reading guides when the new school year begins!

### **Part 2: "If You Don't Know the Words, You Know Nothing at All"**

You will create your first set of VOCABULARY cards for the course using <https://dictionary.apa.org/> or your text

\*Vocabulary Card Strategy: **DEA = Definition, Example, Application**

1. Front of the card write the vocabulary word
2. Back of the card write the DEA

**D-** write the **definition** of the word.

**E-** write an **example** of the word or draw an image for the word.

**A- apply** it! personally connect to the material by adding a reflection, comments, an anecdote  
OR write a text connection by summarizing the reading material for that word, stating a fact or quote, or connecting it to a psychologist or theory that will help you understand and use the word correctly.

Unit 0- Introduction to Psychological Sciences