

AP Psychology Summer Assignment 2018

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Directions:

You will be doing research on famous individuals that had an impact in the field of psychology. You will be following a P.E.E. format paragraph for each person that is listed below. You must write about the accomplishments that are listed on this page. You will write 1 paragraph for each famous person using this format. P.E.E. stands for...

#1 (P- Point): Sum up in your own words what the famous person in psychology accomplished (i.e. B.F. Skinner used operant conditioning techniques to manipulate the consequences of an organism's behavior in order to observe the effects of subsequent behavior)

#2 (E- Evidence) Provide evidence of their accomplishments by finding examples of their work (i.e. Skinner used rats and pigeons for his experiments and rewarded or punished these animals using positive/negative reinforcement techniques to achieve desired behavioral responses).

#3 (E- Explanation) Explain why this person's accomplishments had an impact in the field of psychology (i.e. Skinner wanted to prove to people that we learn from observation, rewards and punishments and not so much from inherited knowledge. Skinner proved that a lot of human behavior has to do with learned positive or negative consequences.

FAMOUS PEOPLE LIST

Gordon Allport: three levels of traits-- 1. cardinal trait- dominant trait that characterizes your life, 2. central trait- common to all people, 3. secondary trait- surfaces in some situations and not in others

Albert Ellis: father of Rational Emotive Therapy, which focuses on altering client's patterns of irrational thinking to reduce maladaptive behavior and emotion (like, "if I fail the AP exam my life will come to an end")

Noam Chomsky: believed there are an infinite number of sentences in a language and that humans have an inborn native ability to develop language; words and concepts are learned but the brain is hardwired for grammar and language

Jean Piaget: four-state theory of cognitive development-- sensorimotor, preoperational, concrete operational, formal operational; two basic processes (assimilation and accommodation) work in tandem to achieve cognitive growth

Erik Erikson: people evolve through 8 states over the life span; each state is marked by psychological crisis that involves confronting "who am I"

Lawrence Kohlberg: his theory states that there are 3 levels of moral reasoning (pre-conventional, conventional, post-conventional) and each level can be divided into 2 stages

Hans Eysenck: personality is determined to a large extent by genes; used the terms extroversion and introversion

Benjamin Whorf: his hypothesis is that language determines the way we think

Robert Sternberg: triarchic theory of intelligence- [1] academic problem-solving intelligence [2] practical intelligence [3] creative intelligence

Howard Gardner: theory of multiple intelligences

Alfred Binet: general I.Q. tests

Lewis Terman: revised Binet's I.Q. test and established norms for American children

David Weschler: established an intelligence test especially for adults (Weschler Intelligence Test for Adults)

Charles Spearman: found that specific mental talents were highly correlated; concluded that all cognitive abilities showed a common core which he labeled "g" for general ability

Harry Harlow: studied theory of attachment in infant Rhesus monkeys; also experimented on the effects of social isolation in young monkeys and observed that they become severely emotionally disturbed and never recover fully

Martin Seligman: learned helplessness is the giving up reaction that occurs from the experience that whatever you do you cannot change your situation

Paul Ekman: theory that facial expressions are universal

When you get back...your first assessment will be a QUIZ on these famous people in psychology- So make sure you complete this assignment and study them too! Spread it out and do a few at a time. Don't wait until the last minute. It's due the first day back

HAVE FUN AND ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!