



AP Psychology Summer Reading Requirement

Welcome to the study of the mind and behavior!

To get our feet wet with the content of this course, I would like each prospective AP Psychology student to select a book from a wide range of topics which we will encounter during our studies. Some texts deal with case studies of exceptional individuals who grapple with mental or neurological disorders or whose memories allow them to memorize incredible amounts of data in a brief time. Also included are texts dealing with issues of gender, brain differences or injuries, morality, memory, and a host of other topics. Also, if there is a text not on this list with which you are interested in reading for this assignment, you may email me at EKARLMARX@hotmail.com by July 10th to seek an approval of the text. Students should choose one text from which they will read and write a 3-5 page reaction paper (typed, double-spaced, 12 font, informal writing style which may include "I statements" such as "I found this particular feature of obsessive-compulsive fascinating because it...."). Papers will be graded using the school-wide "Reflective Writing Rubric" and will count as 10% of the first term grade. All papers must be submitted to the main office on or before Friday, August 18th at noon in the main office (see school-wide policy in student handbook for any further logistical questions).

The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat and other Clinical Tales
by Oliver Sacks

Musicophilia: Tales of Music and the Brain by Oliver Sacks

Born On a Blue Day: Inside the Extraordinary Mind of an Autistic Savant
by Daniel Tammet

Embracing the Wide Sky: A Tour Across the Horizons of the Mind
by Daniel Tammet

Picking Cotton: Our Memoir of Injustice and Redemption by Jennifer
Thompson-Cannino, Erin Torneo, Ronald Cotton

Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking by Malcolm Gladwell

Reviving Ophelia: Saving the Selves of Adolescent Girls by Mary Pipher

Real Boys: Rescuing our Sons from the Myth of Boyhood by William Pollack

Forty Studies That Changed Psychology: Exploration in the History of Psychological Research by Roger Hock

Life in Rewind: The Story of a Young Courageous Man Who Persevered over OCD and the Harvard Doctor Who Broke All the Rules to Help Him by Terry Weible Murphy, Michale A. Jenike, Edward E. Zine

Look Me in the Eye: My Life with Asperger's by John Elder Robison

The Defining Decade: Why Your Twenties Matter--And How to Make the Most of Them Now by Meg Jay

David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants by Malcolm Gladwell

Thinking, Fast and Slow by Daniel Kahneman

Subliminal: How Your Unconscious Mind Rules Your Behavior by Leonard Mlodinow

Secrets of Sports Psychology: Practices and Techniques to Elevate Your Performance by Rick Wolff

The Happiness Advantage: The Seven Principles of Positive Psychology That Fuel Success and Performance at Work by Shawn Achor

Hope you find something of interest.

Good luck and I look forward to your submissions!

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