

WHY TAKE AP PSYC????

See which one works for you.....

- I have a desperate curiosity to learn the inner workings of human behavior.
- I want to take as many AP courses as I can so my transcript makes me look really smart.
- I want to learn to understand why I do and feel what I do.
- I want to learn to understand the opposite sex.
- I want to skip a course in college and save myself (really my parents) some money.

For those of you that complain about the \$70 exam fee, just know on average a student saves \$2800 per AP exam passed

If you choose to take psyc you do have to do a little work before hand.....

IB/AP PSYCHOLOGY- SUMMER READING-

Congratulations on making the decision to take IB/AP Psychology next year. You will find this to be a very interesting course and perhaps a bit different than most courses you have taken so far in high school. This class does present a sound foundation in psychological theory as well as in application of those theories. In most cases, this is the first time you have taken a class that really focuses on YOU. I look forward to having a great year!

To prepare for the theory(s) you will learn, this year you will be reading one of the texts over the summer. The text is not long, but it is packed with information. I do not expect that you will understand all of the concepts right away, but this will be a sound foundation upon which to layer our course work next year.

ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION: Please obtain this book and read it before the first day of school. If you cannot get access to a book please come see me.

Text: **Forty Studies That Changed Psychology- 7th Edition** Roger R. Hock
ISBN: 978-0-205-91839-3

HOW TO READ IT:

Read each experiment in the book, taking **reading notes** for each one as you go. The format of these notes is really not “prescribed”. By this point in your education, you should know what format works best for your learning style. The key point is that your notes **highlight and explain the key pieces of information in each experiment**. You will want to make this a fairly permanent form since you will be referring to these notes throughout the year. Some people also make flashcards which are acceptable as well.

Summer reading notes are **due on the second day of classes in the fall. You will be able to use them on the test you will take that day.** Please do not be tempted to wait until the first day of school to complete this (I know some of you will be tempted). There is far too much for you to accomplish in one night. This work should be done in small steady segments throughout the summer. You will be tested on this information on day two of the semester. Enjoy your summer- I look forward to a great fall!