Welcome to the wonderful world of **AP ® Psychology**!!  This is a COLLEGE level class. That means there will be a lot expected from you. This year should prove to be challenging and rigorous but also interesting and fun. We will be covering the entirety of your textbook by May, so, yes, we move quickly and self-motivation is a must. My goal is to get each and every one of you a 5 on the AP® test – so get ready for a whirlwind year.

**Psychological Studies Assignment Background:**
**Psychology** is the scientific study of behavior and mental processes, and all of modern psychology is centered on research. As such, your summer assignment involves reading some of the most important studies conducted in the history of psychology, in the book entitled **40 Studies that Changed Psychology**.

Of these 40 studies you will be responsible for reading and completing the questions for 10 different studies.

**You may read any article that interests you**

**Grading:**
You will receive two separate grades for this assignment. Not turning in the assignment, or turning it in late, will be extremely damaging to your grade in this class.

- Completion Grade (Formative): I will be checking to make sure that all questions are answered for 10 different studies
  - Each article is worth 10 pts (total of 100)
- Accuracy and Critical Thought: (SUMMATIVE) I will choose 4 of your studies to grade based on the quality of your responses. I will be looking for detail in explanations as well as answers that show analysis and high level thinking.
  - Each article is worth 25 pts (total of 100)
  - If you are missing articles, it will be counted against your accuracy grade as well

******* THIS IS AN INDIVIDUAL ASSIGNMENT. ANY INSTANCE OF PLAGIARISM WILL RESULT IN A ZERO FOR BOTH GRADES. THIS INCLUDES....
- Getting answers from the internet
- Copying directly from the book without citations
- “Sharing” or “Dividing” work with friends (including direct copying of answers or paraphrasing)

**Book Information**
*NOTE YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BUY THE BOOK* please read the following information in its entirety
Forty studies that changed psychology: explorations into the history of psychological research by Roger Hock (Amazon should have this book used for cheap if you buy used)

--If you choose not to buy/borrow the book, some teachers have put pdfs of the book online. Here is one website to use that gives links to most of the articles

https://sites.google.com/a/isd709.org/mr-flaa/c-i-t-s-psychology/40-studies-that-changed-psychology

*note: these websites only provide you with the readings; it is not the same assignment

**I do have a few books that I am able to lend out, but it will be first come first serve

Format:

- I prefer assignments to be completed in google docs with all 10 studies on one document
- Respond to the questions in the order of each section (1-5)
- Each section should be about a paragraph long
  - section 4 is worth the most points...make sure to explain with detail
- 1-2 pages per study (I will not penalize you if yours is not within this range, this is just to give you an idea of what to aim for)
- Please type in an easy to read font and color. It is fine if you want to use colored text to separate your answers but try to stick to darker colors
- Remember if you use direct quotes from the book, an in-text citation is needed. It should look something like this: (Hock, 2008, p. 9)

The questions you will respond to for each article you choose are on the next page.

Remember you must complete the questions for 10 studies
Questions

Responses should follow this format. Answers can be bulleted but MUST be in complete sentences. Use the headings or numbers to tell me which part you are answering.

Basic Info (3 pts)
Article Title: ____________________________________________

Author: ___________________________________________________________________

Date of Study (year only): _____________________________________________

1. Method: Description of design/setup of the study (4 pts): How was the study conducted? What did the researchers do?

2. Results and Discussion: Significance of the study to the understanding of psychology (4 pts): What were the results of the study? What did it prove about human behavior/mental processes? Did it go against any previous theories?

3. Criticisms/Subsequent Research (5 pts): Which of the criticisms stated do you agree with most? Explain. Do you have any criticisms of your own to add? What other research has been done to follow up on this study? (Note not all studies will have clear criticisms. Make note of that in your response and fully discuss the subsequent research)

4. Applications (6pts): How does this study relate to you? Have you experienced/seen something similar? Can you think of an important current event that relates? *note you don’t have to answer all three questions as long as one is discussed in detail. It is not enough to simply state that it doesn’t relate to you

5. Surprises (3 pts): What did you learn from reading about this study? What surprised you?

If you have any questions e-mail me at Meaghan.kline@qacps.org or come see me in rm 210.