



# A.P. Psychology Jump Start Program

With Mrs. Warren & Mr. Grimsland

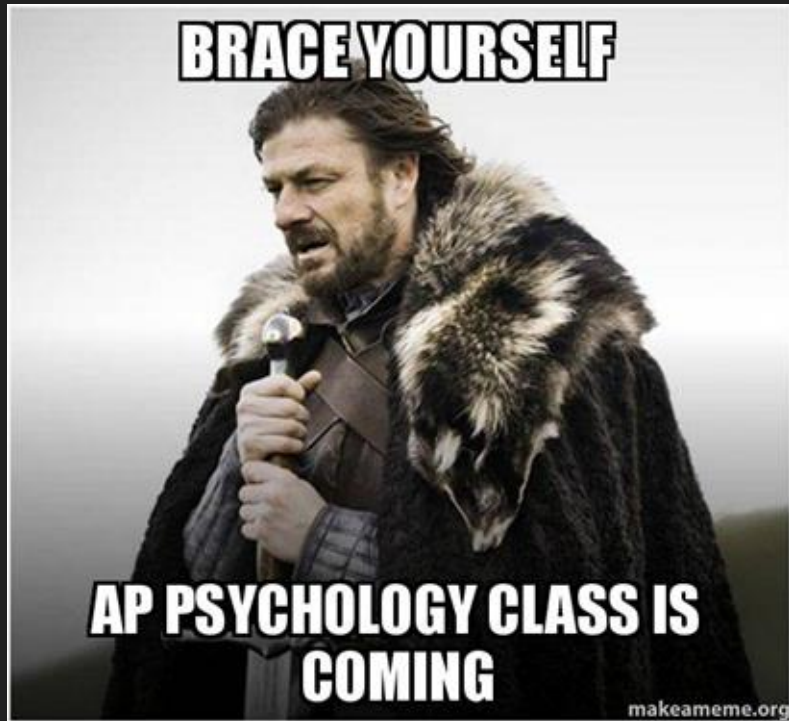


# Welcome to AP Psychology!!!!

The course in which your brain is trying to learn & understand itself :)

# HOORAY! You are taking A.P. Psychology!

We are SO EXCITED to have you take this class and can't wait to meet you in the fall!



Two years ago, the College Board changed the AP Psychology Curriculum.

One of the biggest changes is that they have condensed the curriculum into "5 Pillars" (or general content areas) with a 6th area— Research Methods, that will be used in every unit. We would like you to start getting acquainted with this particular area over the summer so your return to school is an easy one!

The exam itself has 2 components:

- 1. Multiple Choice Section (90 minutes): 75 questions
- 2. Writing Component Section (70 minutes):
  - \* AAQ (Article Analysis Question 25 minutes)
  - \* EBQ (Evidence Based Question 45 minutes)

# The 5 Pillars of Psychology (plus 1)

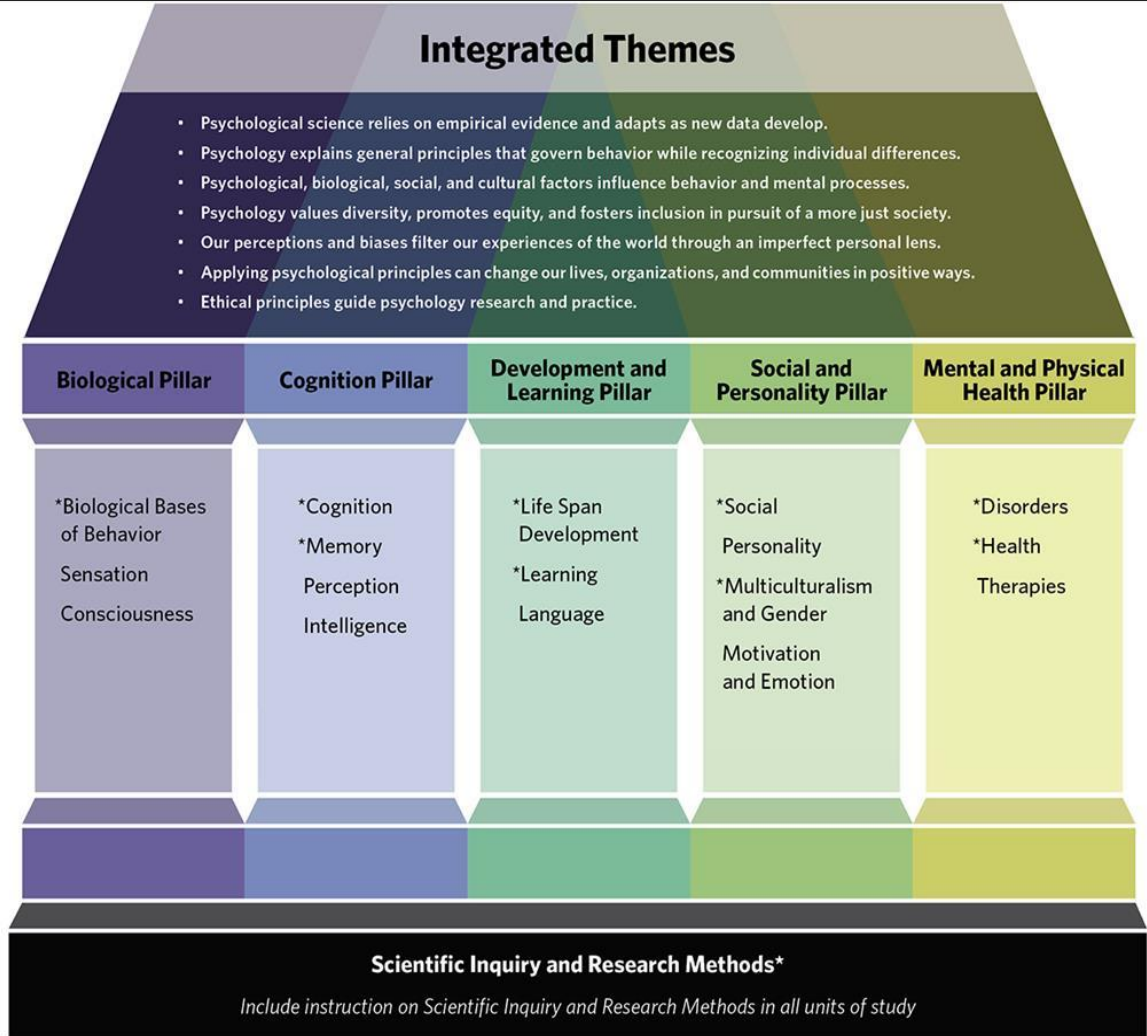
## 0. Scientific Inquiry/Research

Methods (This is your focus over the summer)

1. Biological Bases of Behavior
2. Cognition
3. Development & Learning
4. Social & Personality
5. Mental and Physical Health

This may not look like a lot, but there is A LOT of information in each pillar. (Ask my former students!)

[See: National Standards for High School Psychology](#)



Key: The asterisk (\*) denotes areas of study that should be considered a priority for instruction when courses are limited for time.

# What is “Jumpstart” for A.P. Psychology?

\*We want everyone to be successful in this course.

\*There is a lot of reading and note taking that you need to do on your own throughout the year.

\*The best way to do this is to get a head start NOW on the first module in our textbook known as 0 Scientific Methods.

You do NOT have to do this over the summer, but we are HIGHLY recommending it so you can get ahead. These assignments will be expected to be completed within the first few of weeks of school.

# What can I do? Look at the Textbook!

Use this Canvas module to get a start on your work early!

We have posted your textbook in Canvas. We would like you to begin reading the first unit "An Introduction to Psychological Science Practices". It is broken down into seven sections. Each section focuses on a few concepts that you will need to use throughout the year. **We suggest reading one section a week in Module 00 (Scientific Methods) over the summer.**

## ☰ MODULE 00: RESEARCH METHODS

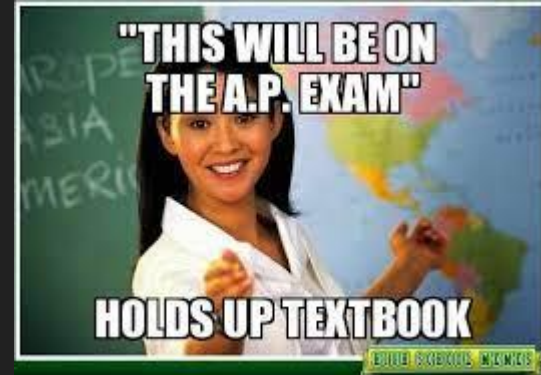


☰   [TEXTBOOK: Psychology for the AP Course by Myers \(4th edition\).pdf](#)



# The important stuff

- For each module or unit, you will:
  - (1) take **Student Guided Notes** (these are mostly done in class using the Power Points) and
  - (2) complete your **Vocabulary Assignment** (this is mostly homework) using the textbook, the PowerPoints and other resources provided to you.
- These are assigned in Canvas but will also be printed out for you. **We prefer you complete these "handwritten" as studies show this is a more effective way to retain material.**
- These are essentially “worksheets” that help you understand the material



# Examples of the recurring assignments:

## STUDENT GUIDED NOTES

### Research Methods in Psychology

1. Explain the three key elements of the scientific attitude?

A. Curiosity:

B. Skepticism:

C. Humility:

2. Define **critical thinking**.

## VOCABULARY GRAPHIC ORGANIZER

TERM	Definition	Application
Bimodal distribution	a set of scores with two peaks or modes around which values tend to cluster, such that the frequencies at first increase and then decrease around each peak.	For example, when graphing the heights of a sample of adolescents, one would obtain a bimodal distribution if most people were either 5'7" or 5'9" tall.
case study	In-depth examination of an individual or small group over an extended period, often using a variety of data sources such as interviews, observations, and psychological tests.	
Central tendency	the middle or center point of a set of scores. The central tendency of a sample data set, for instance,	(e.g., mean, median, mode)

# How to complete Student Guided Notes (Informative Grade)

- Use the Power Point to help complete the information in the Student Guided Notes.
- These must be completed before your Summative Multiple-Choice Assessment and will allow you to request a retake if needed.
- Do your best to be as thorough as possible. Complete all definitions and give examples.
- Use the bottom section to add additional information as needed.
- **IMPORTANT TIP:** Use the bottom section to take additional notes while you are in class during our lectures!
- You may need to wait until we are in class to finalize these notes, but most of the information is already in the Power Points. We will be happy to answer any questions you have!

## Research Methods in Psychology

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2. Define **critical thinking**.

# How to complete Vocabulary Graphic Organizer (Summative Grade)

- Use the textbook and read the chapter.
- There are TWO columns you need to complete: Definitions & Applications.
- Most of the definitions are ALREADY completed for you
- If there is no definition, use the textbook to fill in the information. **Do NOT use Google or other search engines**
- For the Application, try to WRITE out an example of how you would use the term to explain the meaning of the word. This should NOT be another definition or a picture. There are LOTS of examples given in your textbook or better yet, come up with something that applies to you!

theory	A well-supported explanation for a phenomenon based on evidence, observation, and experimentation. It integrates and organizes a set of related principles or concepts.	
validity	The extent to which a research study <b>measures what it claims to measure or accurately reflects the concept or phenomenon being studied.</b>	
variable	Any factor or condition that can change or vary in a research study. Variables are typically categorized as independent or dependent.	
	a measure of the spread, or	

## How to write a good application:

If the term is “THEORY”, you could write, “I have an idea or assumption that eating cookies will improve memory”  
**Do NOT reuse the term to define the term!**

# Do NOT hesitate to contact us if you have any questions

If you need to reach us this summer with any questions about these assignments, please contact Mrs. Warren at:

[WarrenRB@pwcs.edu](mailto:WarrenRB@pwcs.edu)

We are on Summer Break too, so please give us time to respond to your questions. (FYI, I will not be able to respond emails between June 27th and July 15).

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

