

AP Psychology Summer Assignment 2017

Mrs. Rein

Before you leave for the summer, you will need to sign out a textbook from my room (401) in order to complete the assignment.

1. **Read and take notes** on 50 Great Myths of Popular Psychology by Scott O. Lilienfeld, Steven Jay Lynn, John Ruscio, and Barry L. Beyerstein. It is available for purchase at [Barnes & Noble](#), [Amazon](#); or check with your local library.
2. **Read & Outline** Chapter 1 in the AP Psychology textbook.

There will be a test on these assignments during the first week of school in September. Both your outline and notes on the book are due at the time of the test.

3. **Read [this article](#)** about teenage brains and write a two page response paper (typed, double spaced) about it. This is **due the first day of class**. Please answer the following questions in your paper:
 1. What are the opinions/ perspective/ viewpoints of the author?
 2. How do the findings brought up in the article affect the field of psychology or humankind? *Keep in mind that the overall goal of psychology is to improve the quality of human life through a deeper understanding of how the human body works and why humans behave a certain way.*
 3. What does the author attribute to teenage behavior? Explain. Does the author use research to explain this? If so, please explain.
 4. Which of the 7 Psychological perspectives (biological, evolutionary, psychodynamic, behavioral, cognitive, humanistic, and sociocultural) does the author use to present the case? Please explain.
 5. Do you agree/ disagree with the author's opinion about where risky/ bad teen behavior comes from? Explain in detail.