

Class Contract for A.P Psychology

Welcome to A.P. Psychology! This is a class that will afford you the opportunity to discover why you think the way you do and also why your friends think and act the way they do. Don't be alarmed if you are sitting at the dinner table with your parents and they begin to get frustrated with you because you are constantly analyzing everything that they say. Your friends could also have the same reaction!

Materials:

We have one textbook and a workbook. You can leave those materials at home. Do not forget about the workbooks to practice with. The tests and quizzes truly come from the same type of resource. The textbook has a wonderful website listed in the textbook that you should use to reinforce information that we have done in class.

Expectations:

You will get a weekly calendar of the expected homework assignments for the week. Make sure to budget your time accordingly. We will cover a chapter every week with sometimes taking more or less time. You will be expected to prove that reading has occurred with either your notes counting as point equivalent to a quiz or simply a multiple choice open note quiz or a combination of some other ideas. Please keep up with the readings. The plan here is that you come to class having read the material and then we will do various activities and experiments to reinforce your knowledge.

- You need to come to class every day with a writing utensil.
- You need to be able to take notes in either a spiral notebook or a three ringed binder. Please note that the work that you do at home to write notes for the chapter will often be collected. You will need loose leaf paper for those assignments.
- You will need a couple file folders to keep dittos and other related papers in your notebook.
- Optional, some of you may find it appropriate to write down all of the vocabulary words that we learn throughout the year on index cards. To a large degree this class is a foreign language with a lot of new vocabulary. With that being said, you may want to purchase index cards and a few of those rings that keep them together and you could have a separate one for each chapter. It will save you sometime in May when we are reviewing for the exam. It will also be a great study skill for you!
 - There are always opportunities for Terenzi Points! This is one of those ways to get some!

Grading:

This class is based upon a point system. Listed below are examples of the typical points given to the various assignments throughout the year:

- Homework: 5 points each
- Quizzes: 50 points each
- Tests: 100 points each

- Some will be multiple choice
- Some will be essays
- **Projects: 100 -200 points**
 - **The amount of points with the projects will be determined by the assignment.**
 - **Each semester we will have a project due. They are geared towards reinforcement of the material covered in class and in the readings.**
 - **Some examples of these projects:**
 - **Summer reading assignment which is due by the way Friday September 5th!**
 - **Brain project**
 - **The child development project**
 - **Theorists project**
 - **Learning and memory**
 - **Research project which will actually be your final exam**

Please note the purpose of these little projects along the way is to reinforce the information done in class and to also help those of you who may not test very well. The projects are easy good grades if you follow the assignments.

Lateness:

Lateness to class is not tolerated. We have such a short amount of time together each day that it would be unfair of me not to give you the entire amount of time that you deserve. This lateness policy also applies to assignments. I will accept late home works but there will be a point penalty for each day that it is late. As far as any of the projects being late that will be a 10 point deduction each day.

Attendance:

It is expected that you come to class every day to learn. In the event that you are sick or not in class you are responsible for the work. Please refer to the class calendar that will be handed out every week to keep up. In the event that you are absent for a test or quiz, please make up that assessment when you return or simply make arrangements with me to take it another day. This is your responsibility.

Student's Name/Signature: _____

Parent's Name/Signature: _____