

## STEELE- Spring 2025

### AP PSYCHOLOGY ASSIGNMENT: Forty Studies that Changed Psychology, by Roger Hock

Welcome to AP Psychology! As a reminder, this is an introductory college-level course that you can earn college credit for upon successfully passing the AP exam in May 2025. Therefore, it is highly recommended that you are comfortable reading and writing at a college level. Beginning with this mandatory summer assignment, you will begin to explore the different areas of psychology and the impact that psychology has on our everyday life. It is also geared towards investigating some of the most influential psychological research to date. The historical studies discussed in this text continue to be cited, stirred up controversy when first published, directed new research, and changed our understanding of human behavior.

Below is an outline of the assignment to accompany each assigned chapter of the book.

The assignment is the same for each chapter of the book. Please keep this handout as a reference.

The link below is the free PDF of the book that is available online.

<https://www.mayfieldschools.org/Downloads/All%2040%20Studies.pdf>

**The work must be ORIGINAL and HANDWRITTEN.**

Each reading in Forty Studies is organized the same way. Number each question and provide the answer of the following information in **numbered form for each study**!

1. State a reference for where the original study can be found.
2. Provide a brief summary of background information in the field which led up to the study and reasons that the researcher carried out this particular project.
3. Explain the hypotheses on which the research rests.
4. Provide details of the experimental design and methods used, relevant information pertaining to the subjects and how they were recruited, any apparatus or materials used and the actual procedure in carrying out the research.
5. Provide a summary of the results of the study.
6. Discuss the author's interpretation of the results as noted in the original article. (In other words, what can we learn from the results? What are the researchers conclusions about his/her study?)
7. Explain the significance of the study to the field of psychology.
8. Briefly explain any follow-up research findings in this field and if provided, describe criticism from others in the field. Also, explain if you think the experiment was ethical or unethical.
9. What did you learn? Did anything surprise you?

How did this study improve your understanding of psychology? Explain.

**10. How does the concept presented in the study connect to you? What real life situations have you experienced that can you relate to this experiment \*THIS IS NOT OPTIONAL!**

**Assignment:**

1. Read 16 articles from Roger Hock's Forty Studies That Changed Psychology
2. Complete the Analysis Page of 10 questions for each of the articles you read.

**Assignment Due:** You can turn in any time after school starts until **August 30th**.

There will be a designated basket for assignments labeled "Steele AP Psych Summer Assignment" located in the Health Science workroom F204. Drop off any time up until this date.

Chapters and titles of the studies for each chapter are written below.

If you have any questions or experience any issues, please let me know at [sierra.steele@knoxschools.org](mailto:sierra.steele@knoxschools.org).

The Readings:

Chapter 1: Biology & Human Behavior:

"More Experience = Bigger Brain"

"Are You A Natural?"

Chapter 3: Learning & Conditioning:

"It's Not Just About Salivating Dogs!"

"Little Emotional Albert"

"Knockwood!"

Chapter 4: Intelligence, Cognition, & Memory:

"Just How Are You Intelligent?"

"Maps In Your Mind"

Chapter 5: Human Development:

"Discovering Love"

"Out Of Sight, But Not Out Of Mind"

"How Moral Are You?"

Chapter 7: Personality:

"Are You The Master Of Your Fate?"

Chapter 8: Psychopathology:

"You're Getting Defensive Again!"

Chapter 10 Social Psychology:

"A Prison By Any Other Name"

“The Power Of Conformity”

“To Help Or Not To Help”

“Obey At Any Cost?”