

Southern Regional High School
Manahawkin, New Jersey
Course Syllabus

Department: Social Studies

Course: Psychology Advanced Placement

Marking Period 1

Topics/Units to be covered:

- Prologue
- Intuition, Critical Thinking, Correlations, Experimentation, Statistics
- Phrenology, Neural Communication, Neurotransmitters, The Nervous System, Endocrine System, The Brain
- Consciousness, Hypnosis, Sleep Theories and Disorders, Dreams
- Behavior Genetics, Evolutionary Psych and Parents, Cultural Influences, Gender Development
- Quarterly

Marking Period 2

Topics/Units to be covered:

- Prenatal Development, Infancy and Childhood Dev: Physical- Cognitive- Social, Adolescence, Adulthood
- Sensation: vision, hearing, touch, pain, taste, smell, perceptual organization and interpretation, ESP
- Learning: Classical Conditioning, Pavlov, Operant Conditioning, Punishment, Observation
- Memory: Encoding, storage, retrieval, forgetting, memory construction
- Thinking, Problem solving, Language
- Intelligence: Multiple, Emotional, Standardization, Nature v Nurture, Differences
- Motivation: Instincts, Drives, Arousal, needs, Hunger, Obesity
- Quarterly

Marking Period 3

Topics/Units to be covered:

- Sexual Motivation: physiology and psychology, sexual orientation, values, work
- Emotions: theories, embodied, expressed, experienced, stress/health, promoting health
- Personality: Psychoanalytic, Defense Mechanisms, Humanistic, Trait, Big 5, Social Cognitive
- Psychological Disorders: Labeling, Anxiety, Somatoform, Dissociative, Mood, Schizophrenia, Personality
- Therapy: Psychoanalytic, Humanistic, Behavior, Cognitive, Group, Biomedical, Drug
- Social Psych: Attribution, Conformity, Obedience, Group Influence, Social Relations, Aggression, Attraction, Conflict, Peacemaking
- Quarterly

Marking Period 4

Topics/Units to be covered:

- Use Myer's text and Barron to review for AP test usually administered in early May
- Movies and projects to supplement curriculum after the test
- Final Exam