

# AP Psychology Summer Assignments

You will be required to create a writing portfolio on different topics throughout the summer and be ready to discuss your material to the class on the first day. You must do both parts below. This is your first 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Grade worth 125 points. It will be 5% off each day that it is late. Questions email me at [matthew.reynolds@nkeschools.org](mailto:matthew.reynolds@nkeschools.org) or [mcrey50@yahoo.com](mailto:mcrey50@yahoo.com) or you may also follow the class on Twitter @OPAPpsychology

I. The First assignment is to watch 5 movies from the list below about psychology. (NOTE: Some of these movies are Rated R. Check with parents to make sure it is okay). You will then write a 2-page movie reflection ON EACH MOVIE. Criteria for this is attached.

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| 1. One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest | 22. Good Will Hunting          | 42. Crying Game   |
| 2. Awakenings                      | 23. The Madness of King George | 43. One Hour Photo  |
| 3. Silence of the Lambs            | 24. When a Man Loves a Woman   | 44. Crash   |
| 4. The Fisher King                 | 25. Requiem for a Dream        | 45. American History X  |
| 5. As Good As It Gets              | 26. Matchstick Men             | 46. 12 Angry Men  |
| 6. Momento                         | 27. Antwone Fisher             | 47. Sixth Sense   |
| 7. Sybil                           | 28. Breakfast Club             | 48. Regarding Henry   |
| 8. A Clockwork Orange              | 29. K-Pax                      | 49. Trainspotting   |
| 9. Red Dragon                      | 30. No Country For Old Men     | 50. On Golden Pond  |
| 10. Shutter Island                 | 31. Split                      | 51. Seven   |
| 11. Rain Man                       | 32. I am Sam                   | 52. Stand By Me   |
| 12. Copycat                        | 33. Silver Linings Playbook    | 53. A Beautiful Mind  |
| 13. Vertigo                        | 34. All About Eve              | 54. V for Vendetta  |
| 14. Fight Club                     | 35. Analyze This               | 55. Black Swan  |
| 15. Identity                       | 36. Aviator                    | 56. Deer Hunter   |
| 16. Primal Fear                    | 37. Fatal Attraction           | 57. Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind                     |
| 17. Psycho                         | 38. Fearless                   | 58. 50 First Dates  |
| 18. Girl, Interrupted              | 39. Little Miss Sunshine       | 59. The Shining   |
| 19. Ordinary People                | 40. My Left Foot               | 60. Check with me if you have one you want for consideration. |
| 20. What Dreams May Come           | 41. Pi                         |   |
| 21. Benny and Joon                 |                                |   |

II. The Second assignment is to interview someone in a psychology field. Below are the required questions that you will have to ask. You are to also come up with 5 questions on your own to ask the professional. Make sure you set up an appointment to see them and tell them that this is for a class assignment. After completing the interview and typed up the answers, you will write a 2-page reflection covering the requirements attached concerning reflections.

1. What courses did you have to do to get into psychology?
2. Why did you choose this career?
3. What is your favorite thing about being a psychologist?
4. Are there any downsides to this career?
5. What qualities or interests do you think you have to have to become a psychologist?
6. What are your career development opportunities?
7. Briefly describe what you do in an average work day?
8. Is there a lot of demand for a person of your qualifications?
9. What advice would you give someone going into the psychology field?
10. Anything else you want to add about your career?

III. Last assignment is a 2-page reflection over the entire experience.

After completing the three assignments, create a folder or portfolio with the following contents:

- a. A title page
  - b. 1<sup>st</sup> assignment paper (2 pages for each movie) Questions that should be answered in reflection:
    - a. What was the theme of the film?
    - b. What was the filmmaker trying to tell us? Was he/she successful?
    - c. What did you like best about the film? Why?
    - d. Was there something you did not understand in the film?
    - e. Who was your favorite character? Why?
    - f. Who was your least favorite character? Why?
    - g. Analyze the use of music in the film. Did it enhance the filmmaker's story?
    - h. Select an action that one of the characters performed. Why did the character take that particular action?
    - i. Why do you think this movie has to do with psychology?
    - j. Would you recommend this movie to someone? Why or why not?
  - c. 2<sup>nd</sup> assignment paper (2 pages) The reflection should answer the following questions:
    - a. What do you think was your task, the ultimate goal or outcome for this activity?
    - b. What did you learn about psychology from this experience?
    - c. How does this experience change your views on psychology?
    - d. Why do you think we had you do this?
    - e. What things did you already know about psychology were re-affirmed because of this experience?
    - f. What are some important concepts, factors and ideas that you discovered/learned?
    - g. What would you like to learn more about from this experience?
  - d. 3<sup>rd</sup> assignment (2-pages) Essay in response to the following questions:
    - i. What do you know already about psychology?
    - ii. What do you expect to learn this year in AP psychology?
    - iii. Why did you take this class?
    - iv. What traits do you bring to make this a better class?
    - v. What are you going to do to make sure you are successful in this class?
    - vi. What are your plans post high school?
    - vii. What have you heard about the class?
    - viii. What concerns you the most coming into this class? School year?
2. Please put rubric in the back of the folder.

**EVERYTHING MUST BE 2 FULL PAGES, TIMES  
NEW ROMAN, 12 PT FONT, DOUBLE SPACED  
WITH 1 INCH MARGINS. DO NOT DO THE MLA  
TITLE ON EACH PAGE, THAT DOES NOT COUNT  
TOWARD LENGTH!!!**

Summer Assignment Grade Sheet

RUBRIC for 2 page reflections.

	Meets Requirements (4-5 pts)	Mostly meets requirements (2-3 pts)	Does Not Meet Requirements (0-1 pt)	Score
Components	Reflection reveals exceptional insight and introspection	Reflection explains what student saw and shows some insight and introspection	Reflection explains what student saw and shows no insight or introspection.	/5
Length & Format	Reflection meets requirements	Reflection is missing requirements	No requirements met	/5
Organization	Structure is obvious, logical, complete and fits topic	Structure is missing and at times detracts from readability	No real structure is apparent.	/5
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>/15</b>

	POINTS	COMMENTS
TITLE PAGE	/10	
1 <sup>ST</sup> MOVIE REFLECTION	/15	
2 <sup>ND</sup> MOVIE REFLECTION	/15	
3 <sup>RD</sup> MOVIE REFLECTION	/15	
4 <sup>TH</sup> MOVIE REFLECTION	/15	
5 <sup>TH</sup> MOVIE REFLECTION	/15	
INTERVIEW REFLECTION	/15	
PERSONAL ESSAY	/15	
ORGANIZATION	/10	
TOTAL	/125	