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Perspective AP Psychology Student

As part of your study of AP Psychology, you will need to obtain a copy of Forty Studies that Changed Psychology (Sixth Edition) by Roger Hock. We will be using this book during the school year to supplement your reading from the text. Outside reading is an important part of the AP Psychology experience. You will be asked to read and summarize a number of research studies from this book during the school year.

Before starting school, you will need to complete the attached assignment. This assignment must be turned in on the first full day of school. You should also be prepared to discuss the assignment in class.

You will be able to find this book at Barnes & Noble or Borders, both in the store and on line. The book will also be available from Media Information Services. We look forward to seeing you in August.

Assignment

1. You will need to read the preface of Forty Studies that Changed Psychology (vii-xiv) and list and explain the American Psychological Association's ethical guidelines as they pertain to both humans and animals. We will also be discussing these guidelines on the first day of class.
2. You will also need to read the study Are You a Natural (18-26) and answer the following questions.
 1. Explain the problem being investigated or tested. (hypothesis)
 2. Identify who or what was involved in the research. (subjects)
 3. Describe how the research was conducted. (methodology)
 4. Define the variables being tested.
 5. Discuss the findings of the research study.
 6. Examine the reliability and validity of the study.* Also examine any ethical concerns
 7. Analyze how the results of the study might impact society.

*reliability: the ability of a test or research to yield consistent results over time.

*validity: the ability of a test or research to measure what it claims to measure.

Have a Great Summer

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