**WELCOME TO AP PSYCHOLOGY! THE STUDY OF HUMAN BEHAVIOR & MENTAL PROCESSES!**

**2018 SUMMER ASSIGNMENT**

*This summer assignment is to set the foundation for the course. We will learn about each psychologist mentioned in this book as the class progresses. The ethical issues demonstrated as well are critical to know, due to the significance of ethical, modern research within this field today.*

**DIRECTIONS:** Acquire the book by Lauren Slater called *Opening Skinner's Box*. **Read the entire book carefully**, which discusses **ten** significant psychological studies of the 20th century. Reading the book usually takes about 10 hours, and the writing component takes about the same length of time. It is recommended to complete one chapter a week, spreading it out over the summer, instead of waiting until the end of July.

*If acquiring the book may be an issue, you must see Mrs. Burger (room 230) to check out a copy of the book* ***prior*** *to leaving for the summer. Please visit her during A Lunch, before, or after school. Copies are first come, first serve.*

**For each chapter**, you will need to replicate and fill out a chart with the following information. (It can be typed or handwritten neatly in pen.) Responses should be thorough and detailed. Each chart’s length will vary based on the information embedded within the chapter, so take your time as you read each one carefully. **NOTE: CHARTS WILL USUALLY RUN MULTIPLE PAGES IN LENGTH**.

**\*\*Your summer assignment is DUE ON the first day of class. It counts as a test, so even though you are filling out “charts”, make sure you are detailed & thorough. \*\*** Please be prepared to discuss and demonstrate knowledge of the book’s content on an assessment.

**SEE BELOW FOR NECESSARY COMPONENTS:**

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| **CHAPTER NUMBER & TITLE** | | |
| **Major Researcher(s) that completed focus study of chapter** | Full Name(s) | **Personal Background Information** such as: when did they conduct their research, where did they study, did they study under anyone famous, what was their family life like… (provided within the chapter) |
| **Inspiration for Study**  **or Experiment** | May be one or more of the following: event, problem, or previous study  (Must identify ALL listed in book)  Make sure that you are writing down enough details to understand the reasons behind the research  *NON EXAMPLE*: “Pavlov’s Dog Experiment” *[Too brief!] 🡪 What was it though? Results? In what ways did it inspire the other researcher? Don’t just identify it. Make sure to explain it!* | |
| **Methods and Procedures (Steps of the Major Studies)** | Information such as: number and types of participants/test subjects, length of study, mechanisms designed to run test, etc.  *(Some chapters will have MORE THAN ONE STUDY to discuss done by the same researcher. This is usually the LONGEST PORTION OF YOUR CHART)* | |
| **Results of Study** | Including specific percentages, conclusions drawn, data results from each of the experiments, etc. | |
| **Controversy of**  **Methods Used** | **(If applicable… most will have some issues)**  Did the study seem unethical? What type of moral rules was potentially broken? Use details in the book to explain controversy  This resource can help for human research studies (beginning on page 5 of pdf): <https://www.apa.org/ethics/code/principles.pdf>  This resource can help for animal research: <http://www.apa.org/science/leadership/care/care-animal-guidelines.pdf> | |
| **Importance (Significance) of Study to the Field of Psychology** | \*\*Minimum 5-8 sentence response that thoughtfully attempts to explain importance of the study\*\*  (Think about why the author chose this one out of all the thousands of famous psychological studies. Why should be care about this one? How did it change the field of psychology? Did it inspire others?) | |

**CAUTION:** Per your AP agreement, plagiarism will not be tolerated from any source- whether from an online resource, another student, or the book. Make sure that work submitted properly reflects your own individual abilities. The summer assignment SHOULD NOT be completed with someone else taking the course.

I look forward to having you in class in the fall! ☺

**\*\*Any questions on the assignment, email Mrs. Burger at knewman@pasco.k12.fl.us\*\***