

Please note that Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) Psychology are elective, college-level courses with higher instructor expectations of students than some other courses taken by high school students.

AP and IB classes also deal with course material and content at the “college” level, which, at times, may require maturity from students beyond which is typically expected at the high school level.

I believe that AP and IB Psychology students who come into the course with a background in some of the psychological concepts which will be discussed during the year will have an academic advantage in the class. Prior knowledge allows students to speak intelligently on concepts and topics and have the potential for more success on the AP Psychology Exam or the IB Psychology Assessments.

All AP and IB Psychology students are expected to read at least one (more than one is encouraged) of the following or similar psychology-related books before returning to school in August. Possible follow up activities that may be used at the beginning of the school year include journals, reports, and presentations. I have tried to suggest a wide range of books to appeal to a variety of psychological interests. Students can obtain books from local libraries or bookstores.

Please contact Robert Hoffman, AP & IB Psychology teacher at Springbrook High School High School, at <http://www.HoffmanClass.info> with any questions or additional suggested readings.

After completing your summer reading assignment in, write an original paper of no more than four pages. The paper should be in double-spaced, 12-point Times-New Roman font, and have 1” margins on all sides. It should also provide detailed answers to the following questions:

- What was the book about? Who wrote it?
- What did you learn that you didn't previously know?
- Why were you interested in reading this particular book?
- How does the book you read relate to psychology? Please explain.
- Do you agree or disagree with the author's conclusions? Please explain and justify your answer.
- After reading the book, is there anything you would like to learn more about?

Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking, (Malcolm Gladwell)

Beyond Freedom and Dignity. (B.F. Skinner)

Descartes' Error: Emotion, Reason, and the Human Brain. (A.R. Damasio)

An Unquiet Mind (Kay Redfield Jamison)

The Anatomy of Motive (Douglass and Olshaker)

Playing for Knight_(Steve Alford)