

## Summer Homework Assignment

### Introduction:

Advanced Placement Psychology is a full year course designed to closely resemble an introductory college course in Psychology. To that end we will engage in an in-depth survey of Psychology, with a focus on influential psychologists, theories and research. The chief aim of the course is to give each student the opportunity to study the science behind human behavior from a number of different perspectives, giving students a sound understanding of all the basics of psychology.

In order to cover all of the material, and ensure that you are prepared adequately for the AP Exam, you will be required to do a great deal of reading. It will be necessary that you not only skim through the material, but read it carefully and assimilate it into your understanding of psychology.

To that end, each of my students will be expected to enter the class having done some preliminary reading during the summer.

### Assignment:

You must find and read Jonah Lehrer's *Proust was a Neuroscientist*. It is available at bookstores, libraries, and for as low as \$5.50 used on Amazon.com. Once you have read this book, you must choose one of the chapters that interested you most and write a 500-600 word essay:

Essay prompt- Address the following,

Who is the main subject in the chapter? (This will require some research)

What is the main psychology topic? ( Describe in detail the specifics)

How does Lehrer believe the topic and the Artist are connected?

What is your opinion of the chapter?

If completing this assignment presents any problem for you, you should seriously consider whether or not this is the course for you.

### Questions:

If you have any questions at all, prior to or during the summer, feel free to email me. Chris.brennan@new-haven.k12.ct.us