

## Homework Assignments

**Assignments are due on the day listed. Please see my policy on grading late assignments**

<b>Topic</b>	
1	How do you think psychology might change as a result of more people from non-western countries (any country not in Europe or America) contributing their ideas to the field? What possible problems and benefits do you foresee?
2	What is imagination? How would you go about defining the term? What's the plus side of having it? Downside?
3	Think of an example in which your parents used operant conditioning to get you to do something or not to do something when you were a child. Did the conditioning work? Why or Why not? What kind of reinforcement schedule did they plan on using, which reinforcement schedule did they actually use?
4	The brain is a very complex organ. If you were a god and were designing humans, how would you design the brain? Would you have separate sections for different functions, or one undivided brain that could do everything?
5	Write a letter to your parents. <u>The letter to your parents should contain the following information:</u> 1) Describe your general feelings about your present life and values and try to assess your parents' influence on you. 2) Describe three strengths of your parents. 3) Describe a weakness of your parents or some characteristics of your parents that you would have like to have changed. 4) Choose one or two areas of development – intellectual, moral, personality, social – in which your parents had the most influence and explain how or why. 5) Thank your parents for something special. (You can choose whether to show your parents the letter or not)
6	Freud is sometimes described as the father of psychology, but his critics do not agree. Do you think that Freud's ideas are relevant today, or are they outdated, or irrelevant for the modern world? Be sure to support your argument with specifics.
7	In your opinion should the term addiction be applied to conditions such as gambling, eating, the internet?
8	If you had to give up one sense, which one would it be and why?
9	How would you draw the line between sending disturbed criminals to prison or to mental hospitals? Would the person's history (for example – being abused as a child) influence your decision?
10	With the ever increasing costs of health care should the treatment of mental health disorders be a mandatory covered option in every insurance plan offered? Cite examples for and/or against.
11	Do you think you are more influenced by internal hunger cues or external hunger cues? Give a few examples that support this hypothesis

12	How could you use the principles of social psychology to persuade your parents to buy you a new car?
13	Proponents of multiple intelligences assume that the word smarts and number smarts measured by the traditional intelligence tests are not the only way to measure intelligence. Different people have different gifts. Do you agree with this concept? What kinds of intelligences do you have?
14	Suggestions for improving the class or explaining what worked well. Be honest, but constructive (my feelings are important to me). There will be no negative penalty for speaking your mind because my goal is to always refine the formula to create a better learning environment.