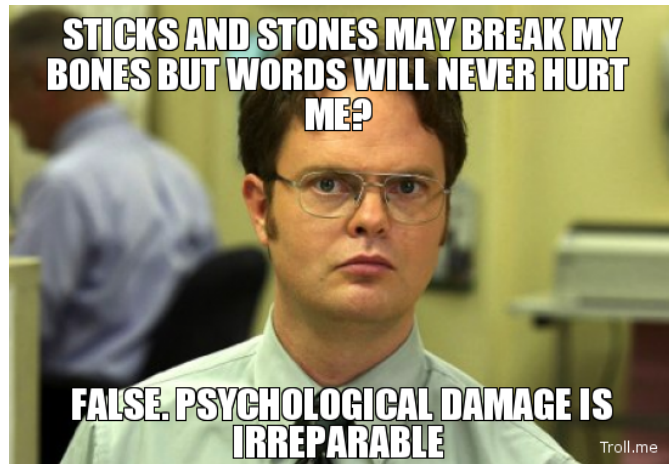


## *AP Psychology Expectations* The Basics



**Teacher:** Ms. Gordon

**AP Classroom Code:** GZQ6DL

**Google Classroom Code:** ilpxjzm

**Rules:** All school and classroom rules apply—take special note of the electronics/cell phone rule. Please enter the classroom respectfully and ready to work. **The most important rule in this class, especially due to the difficult nature of the subject matter we are grappling with, is that we are supportive of each other's ideas and opinions.**

**Grade:** Every assignment is worth a certain amount of points. The points you earn out of the points allowed are converted into a percentage.

For example, participation is worth 5 points weekly. If you earn 4 of them, you earn an 80%--that is a B-.

### The Details

**Restroom Use:** Class time is important, and you are responsible for going to the restroom during breaks and lunch. However, in the case of an emergency, you may quietly sign out and use the restroom. However, I **never** allow more than one student out of the classroom at a time, so if somebody is already signed out, you must wait for them to return and cross their name out before leaving. Please note that this privilege only applies to the restroom—students are not permitted to sign themselves out to the office or anywhere else during class. Furthermore, if you use this privilege frequently, it may impact your participation grade negatively.

**Books:** You have a Psychology textbook assigned to you—this is yours to keep track of. These textbooks run about \$130 to replace right now and you are responsible if it is lost, so be sure to keep track of it. You need to have your textbook at every class meeting, not having it can impact your participation grade.

**Absences:** If you are absent, you are responsible for making up any missed work. You can ask me about missed work before or after class. However, your daily assignments can often be found on your syllabus and on power school, so look there first. **Note: Much of the work we do happens during class in the form of class discussions/activities. This type of work cannot be made up—as a result, missing more than three classes a quarter without a doctor's note confirming a medical emergency, a public health order, or an Independent Study contract in place can impact your participation grade negatively.**

**Late Work Policy:** Late work is **NOT** permitted unless you have an **excused absence** the day it is assigned or the day it is due. This does not apply to the reading assignments that are outlined in the syllabus, which I always expect to be completed on time. In the case of excused absences for other types of class work, you may have an extra class period for each day you miss to complete the work. When this occurs, write **absent or AB** on the top of your work. Similarly, if you go on short-term independent study, write **independent study or IS** on your work. I understand that at times you may have extenuating circumstances that prevent you from turning something in on time. If this is the case, you must ask me for an extension at least **one day prior** to the due date.

**AP Expectations:** Enrolling in Advanced Placement means that you are eligible for an extra grade point (A=5, B=4, C=3, C- =2). Due to the elevated nature of these courses, it is necessary to hold AP students to high expectations. AP classes are considered the equivalent of a college level course. Consequently, you should expect that the workload and the assessments will be more challenging than any non-AP courses you are taking. While I make every effort to assign work that is in line with your Guided Study schedule, you may occasionally need to do work outside of the school day in order to be successful in this and other classes. It is also important to note that, as a college-level course, issues that can cause discomfort may be addressed. As a result, participation in this class requires maturity and the ability to engage in thoughtful, respectful discussion.

**Note:** AP students will also be eligible to take the AP Psychology Exam free of charge if by earning a B+ or higher in the class every quarter. A score of three or higher on the exam will result in awarded college credit—the type of credit will vary by college or university.

**Dismissal:** Please do not start packing your things up while instruction or discussion is still taking place, as it appears disrespectful. I promise to dismiss the class on time daily as long as there are no extenuating or emergency circumstances.

### **The Regular Assignments**

**Participation (5 points weekly):** You are expected to be prepared to participate in class daily and will be graded on how well you meet this expectation. As long as you are actively putting effort into **everything we do during class and you come to class prepared with your reading completed**, you will earn at least 4 of the 5 points. However, to earn a 5 or a 5, you must exhibit “participation excellence” in some way, whether it be raising your hand to offer an opinion or information during class discussions or exhibiting enthusiasm over an idea or discovery. Conversely, if you show disinterest, disrespect, or are unprepared, you will lose participation points in accordance with your actions or lack thereof. In short, this grade is all about “showing up.”

**Reading Guides (10 points):** These will need to be completed and turned in prior to every Unit Quiz. A thorough and accurate reading guide will earn 10 points. Incomplete, illegible, or inaccurate guides will be deducted points accordingly.

**AP Progress Checks (5 Points):** These are essentially participation points. I expect you to try on them so you can get a good idea of how prepared you are for the AP Exam, but regardless of your score, you will get full credit for these as long as they are completed on time.

**Pop/Kahoot Quizzes (5 points):** These will be short (sometimes on Kahoot) and generally review a single module. You can earn up to 5 points for these according to the percentage you get correct.

**Unit Tests (20 to 30 points):** You will take a comprehensive test at the end of every Unit. The point value will vary some depending on the number and nature questions assigned.

**Projects or Presentations (10 points):** A few times this year, I may ask you and your classmate(s) to complete something that requires effort beyond regular class participation activities. These will be awarded 10 points as they arise and will be graded on a rubric that I provide.

