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Dear AP Psych Student:

As promised, here are the details on your summer reading. I'm sure many of you are thinking, why would I do this work? Ah, good question and the simple answer is **BANK POINTS**. What are bank points? In other classes they are known as extra credit. How are bank points different from extra credit? Well, unlike extra credit which is usually dumped into your grade at the end of the quarter, bank points accumulate and can be saved for a rainy day. Huh? During the year, you will be able to earn bank points. You save and make withdrawals when necessary. The points can be used to supplement your grade during any quarter. Be aware that this is the largest number of bank points offered during the year! So let's get down to business with the details...

Before you start, first you will need to have the following texts; Hock "Forty Studies That Changed Psychology" 6th Ed (PDF file contained in Google classroom), and *Myers Psychology for AP 3rd Ed* (ISBN#9781319070502). Next, I would also ask that you join our summer google classroom. The code **boys2nf**. I will post the materials you will need on it and you can ask questions via this tool.

During the summer, there will be two different types of reading and one video for you to explore and earn bank points. The first reading opportunity is in the Myer's text. You are asked to outline the first **TWO UNITS** (Modules 1-8). These are the units we will cover in the first month of school. For **each unit** you outline early, you will receive 10 bank points. Again, the units we will cover in the first month. In the google classroom I will post the specifics of how I want them outlined. You will eventually outline every chapter in the book, so you might as well get a head start and do it the right way! Doing this activity will help you to keep your workload down during the first few weeks of school. Plus, I will give you valuable feedback before the final outline is due!!

The second reading is the forty studies contained in the Hock book pdf. Ideally, you would read them all. As you read each study, you may want to highlight or take notes. Next, you will be asked to make flash cards for these studies. Please refer to the template attached and follow my format **exactly**. During the year we will refer to these studies and you will use this information in future assignments. Again the advantage of this assignment is you will be ahead since you will have already read and summarized them. This activity will be worth 25 bank points.

Finally, I will post a video on 15 Psychology Facts that Will Blow Your Mind. Watch the video and complete the reflection worksheet I will include with the link. This video will show you some great examples of how research helps us to explain behaviors we engage in or observe every day and how we can use that information to improve our lives. Completion of this activity will be worth an additional 10 points.

Please do NOT work with anyone on these. Each assignment needs to be "unique and individual, just like you." I am hard core about this, as you will learn. **If your assignment looks too much like another student's, both of you will not lose all your bank points, you will also lose the opportunity to be a part of the banking program for the entire year.** Yikes!

You may submit any of these assignments (except the note cards) via the google classroom or turn in the hard copies by the **second day of class**. You will receive a maximum of 55 bank points for these assignments. (25 for the studies and 20 for the outlines and 10 for the video worksheet). You can do all of it or only part, that is your choice, but you may want to ask former students about the benefits of bank points! If you have questions or concerns you can always reach me at littner@marian.com or via the google classroom. Good luck and welcome to the wonderful world of psychology!!! Beware; you may actually like this stuff ☺

Sincerely,

Mrs. Littner



Flash Card Template

(Front of card)

Study Name

Year

Researchers

Research Question

(Back of Card)

Method of Research:

Results:

Impact of Study:

Draw a Picture to help you remember the study. Label it if the topic is unclear.



****Remember all cards must have a hole punched in the upper left corner with a metal ring attaching them.**

**** Put your name on side 1 of each card.**

**** All cards need a drawn picture, no clip art but I LOVE color!!**

