

Pre-Learning: A Level Psychology



Before you start your A Level Psychology studies, we would like you to complete an essay. The aim of this is to help prepare you and get you thinking about the course.

You will be learning about all of these subjects in Psychology and therefore it will be helpful to have some insight beforehand.

You may choose which topic to write your essay on, you have a choice of 4 topics.

1. 'How can Psychology explain destructive obedience?'
2. 'Is eye-witness testimony too unreliable to trust?'
3. 'To what extent does the media contribute to the development of eating disorders?'
4. 'Are criminals born or made?'

Here are some hints about how to write the essay:

- Use a variety of sources when researching your topic.
- Reference any sources at the end of your essay.
- Pick a topic that you find interesting.
- Define any key terms that you use in your essay.
- Think about the structure of your essay, making sure you answer the question and come to a conclusion.

We are looking for your ability to write coherently, research Psychological topics and adhere to deadlines. This work will not be marked according to any exam criteria but used for us to assess your potential so do as well as you can. **HOWEVER**, do not spend any longer than a couple of hours on this!

Good luck
Mrs Colebrook