

Dear AP Psychology Student:

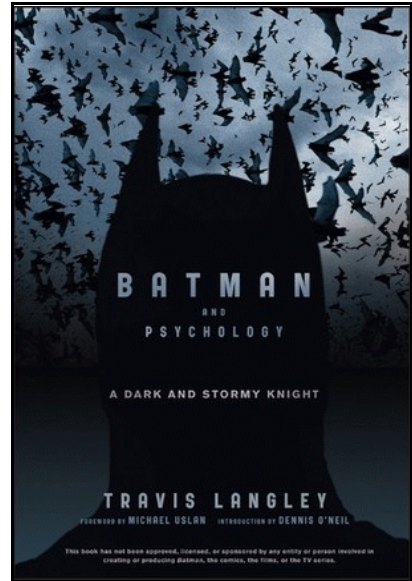
Welcome to AP Psychology! You are enrolled in a course with college-level expectations. It is designed to prepare you for the AP exam that will be nationally administered on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018. With that out of the way, over the summer, I would like you to read a book and take some notes. Don't get too stressed: The book is on Batman and here is how this will you benefit:

- Students who come into this course with background in some of the psychological concepts discussed during the year will have an academic advantage.
- Furthermore, the class will have a common language and benchmark for reference.

The book you will read is *Batman and Psychology: A Dark and Stormy Knight* by Travis Langley (ISBN-10: 1118167651 or ISBN-13: 978-1118167656). My reasoning for the selection of this book is threefold. First of all, this book was written by Doctor Langley after teaching a Batman and Psychology class at Henderson State University. Doctor Langley compiled his lecture notes into what is a fantastic, straightforward, and very nerdy, introduction to psychology textbook. Second, at less than fifteen dollars, it is inexpensive. Third, and most exciting of all, it is about Batman!

Regarding your notes, a dialectical journal is another name for a double-entry journal or a reader-response journal. It records a dialogue between the ideas in the text and the ideas of the reader. This is so you can write down your thoughts, questions, insights, and ideas while you read the text.

For each chapter or section of the book, select a quotation that you believe is important to understanding the themes or topics in the book. In the response section, record your ideas and thoughts. In the end, you should have twenty entries, plus a one-page reaction entry. Also, write down any questions you may want to ask Doctor Langley as we can contact him directly for his response. The format should look something like this:



Page #	Quotation from the book	Your Response
	This can be something important, interesting, or confusing.	This can be in the form of a question, a response, a connection to your life, etc . . .
105	"Prognosis for psychopathy and various personality disorders is poor."	If we can't cure them, what do we do with the criminally insane in the real world?

Finally, remember to bring this completed assignment on the first day of class as it will be our lecture topic for that day.

See you in the fall,

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