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Dear AP Psychology Students,

I am excited that you have decided to accept the challenge of taking an AP course. I can promise that you will strengthen your academic, intellectual, and discussion skills in this course. Inherent in any AP course is an increased workload, but I also want you to have some time to relax before you engage wholeheartedly into the AP experience. Therefore, there will **not be a summer reading assignment only a writing assignment** with the hope you will return in the fall well rested and ready to tackle an exciting and challenging year delving into psychology. This assignment will be due in the first two weeks of class.

Writing Assignment:

Please write a 2-3 page (double spaced '12 Times font) autobiography that includes the following categories:

- **early childhood, childhood, and adolescence up to this point (make sure to include at least 2 anecdotes/personal stories)**
- **family**
- **mentors/individuals of influence in your life**
- **academic background/personal goals**
- **personal philosophy**
- **three pivotal (life changing) experiences in your life**
- **key aspects of your personality about which I should know**

Three pages are not necessarily awarded more points than a **concise, well written** two page paper. This assignment will allow me to evaluate your writing skills, examine the way you perceive and process information, as well as provide a way to get to know you on a personal level which we will then apply during the development unit of study. This assignment is worth 100 points and should exemplify your best effort.

The information below details anticipated costs for next year so that you can budget appropriately. Please share this information with your parents/guardians. You may want to check out Myers ***Psycology 8th edition in Modules*** textbook from the book room. As this is a college level class, highlighting and making notations in your text is an important part of the learning process, but you can do Cornell style notes without marking in the text as I recognize the expense of purchasing your own textbook. However, the **review book is essential** as we will be working out of it often and you will need to be able **to write and take practice tests** in it. The cost for the required review book is listed below, but the Cherry Creek School District will also make the ****Barron's How to Prepare for the AP Psychology Advanced Placement Examination*** book available for checkout to students with finacial hardship; however, if checked out**, the book cannot be written in and must be returned at the end of the year in the same condition (this is a paperback book).**

****Barron's How to Prepare for the AP Psychology Advanced Placement Examination*** **$ 29.99** (can use the 2nd - 4th editions)

Psychology Eighth Edition in Modules, **David J. Myers, Worth Publishing** **$ 89.00**

Please be aware that the ***Myers Psychology 8th Edition*** textbook is not available through a regular book stores as it is a college textbook edition. ***The Barron's How to Prepare for the AP Psychology Advanced Placement Examinatio***n can be found at a book store or on-line. We buy them directly from the publisher and sell them for the price that we are charged. We make no profit from these sales.

You will also find new or used copies of the text and review book on **web sites like half.com, amazon.com and eBay at tremendous savings. A used review book, 2nd or 3rd edition will work fine as long as it is not written in and I encourage you to explore this option.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 720-886-1131 or e-mail at kearley@cherrycreekschools.org. I sincerely look forward to meeting and working with you next year!

Sincerely,
Kristin Earley