

To: LHS/MCC Dual Enrollment Students, Fall 2011

From: Mrs. Jennifer Carey

**RE:** LHS/MCC Introduction and Pre-Course assignment

***Welcome to LHS/MCC Dual Enrollment Introduction to Psychology!***

I am looking forward to a challenging fall semester teaching the induction dual enrollment course, *Introduction to Psychology*. You and I have a wonderful opportunity to be a part of this program thanks to the Race to the Top grant and the partnership between LHS and MCC. It will be a first for both of us...me teaching a college course and you being a student in a college course. I hope we are both able to learn a lot from one another.

We will be following the MCC calendar and will move quickly through the curriculum. On the first day of class you will receive a classroom management plan and a syllabus for the upcoming semester. In addition, you will receive a syllabus at the beginning of each chapter, which will outline the required assignments, quizzes, and test date for each topic being explored. This course will not be run like past high school courses you have taken. Instead, the course will mirror a college/university course where you are held accountable for all work and dates. There will be some assignments that you will be required to email to me, which seems to be a more common practice at the college/university level. My main objective in teaching this course is to provide you tools that will pave the way for you to become accustomed to habits that are essential for further education at the college/university level. I will set up specific times that you can drop in to see me if you are having any difficulty with the course content or just need guidance in organizing your course material.

***Summer Assignment***

This summer, LHS/MCC Dual Enrollment students are expected to complete a summer assignment in preparation for the *Introduction to Psychology* course. Following this letter are the required assignments you will need to complete. The first assignment, your *Personal Biography* must be emailed to me no later than 11:59 PM on Monday, August 15, 2011. Assignments received after this time deadline will not be graded. You must send it as an attachment to my work email: [jcarey@lowell.k12.ma.us](mailto:jcarey@lowell.k12.ma.us). This will be the first graded assignment you will have. The second assignment, the *Scavenger Hunt*, must be turned in no later than 2:00 PM on Thursday, September 1, 2011. If our class is not held on that day, you are still responsible for turning it into me in room 239. Assignments received after this time deadline will not be graded. Please do not use the excuse that your computer crashed or you could not get to a computer...you have plenty of time to get the assignments completed...there are computers available at the public libraries! You will not receive any reminders regarding these two assignments, so please begin the school year off on the right foot and buy an agenda book! As a senior in high school, you will need to keep track of assignments, attendance, college deadlines, work schedules, sport schedules, and your social schedule. In addition, you should have a notebook and a two-pocket folder or a binder for this course...I do give out handouts throughout the course, in addition to lots of notes!

I look forward to working with you as we take on the promising challenge of this LHS/MCC Dual Enrollment course! If you have any questions about these assignments or in general, you may email me over the summer at: [jcarey@lowell.k12.ma.us](mailto:jcarey@lowell.k12.ma.us). It may take a few days for me to respond back since I will not be on my work email daily!

Good luck to all...have a great summer!

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Jennifer Carey*

Psychology Teacher

## **Assignment #1:** Personal Biography

It will take me several days to get to know your names. Add trying to get to know you as a person, it will take weeks and may be months for me to “know” you and then the semester will be over! I am asking you to take time to reflect on the following points and write an essay incorporating, but not limited to, the following. I will be holding on to your essays for the semester. I do refer to them as I write letters of recommendation and if I feel as though I just “don’t get you.” You will receive these essays back at the end of the semester, which will give you the opportunity to see how you have grown or changed since reflecting on what makes you who you are. Reflecting on the points below and writing up this essay is not something that should be completed in 30 minutes...to really gain an insight into who you are as a person, you should really take time when completing this assignment...don’t see it as something to check off...see it as an assignment that will benefit you as a person!

*\*Please make sure you don’t just list your answers...please answer it in a well-developed essay...in addition, this essay **MUST** be typed and emailed to me as an attachment no later than 11:59 PM on Monday, August 15, 2011 at [jcarey@lowell.k12.ma.us](mailto:jcarey@lowell.k12.ma.us) \**

- A picture of yourself
- Background information about yourself (educational, family, cultural, self-interests, favorite book, food, movie, etc.)
- A description of your personality
- What do you think your friends would say are your best attributes?
- What has been your proudest moment up to this point in your life?
- What has been the defining moment in your life when you had to reassess who you are or where you are headed?
- If you had to change one thing from your high school experience, what would it be and why?
- What one teacher has made a positive impact on your education up to this point? Please explain how this teacher made an impact on you and your education?
- How do you feel you learn best...reading, through lectures, hands-on activities, using graphic organizers, etc?
- Your goals for when you complete high school ~ what colleges are you planning on applying to?
- Your career or job goals for when you complete college
- What made you decide to enroll in this MCC Dual Enrollment course: Introduction to Psychology?
- What are you most anxious about taking this class?
- What do you hope to gain from being in this class?



**Assignment #2:** Complete the Psychology Scavenger Hunt. This assignment is due no later than 2:00 PM on Thursday, September 1, 2011, in room 239.

## **Psychology Scavenger Hunt**

Answer all questions using any resource ~ Psychology textbooks, library, internet, YouTube videos, etc.

1. What is the definition of *psychology*?
2. What is the job of a neurotransmitter? Where are they located?
3. At what point in your eye can you not “see”?
4. Give the full address of the American Psychological Association.
5. List the following psychologists in order of their birth: Piaget, Skinner, Rogers, Maslow, Bandura.
6. What ancient surgery was performed to release spirits from the skull?
7. What psychologist made the “Bobo doll” famous?
8. Name the first woman president of the American Psychological Association.

9. What is *triskaidekaphobia* a fear of?
10. Who was the first president of the American Psychological Association?
11. What college does David Myers (your textbook author) currently teach?
12. What experiment did Philip Zimbardo become famous for?
13. Who is Kitty Genovese? Why is she important in the world of psychology?
14. What is the *DSM IV-TR*? When was it last published? What is the projection date of the *DSM-V*?
15. Who is “Genie, the wild child”? Why is she important to the world of psychology?
16. Who is Little Albert? Why is he important to the world of psychology?
17. Who is Phineas P. Gage? Why is he important to the world of psychology?
18. Who devised the series of “*inkblot*” tests used as a type of projective test?
19. What is a Skinner Box?

20. Which psychologist worked with rhesus monkeys in the area of attachment?
  
21. Name the first African-American woman to get a PhD in psychology.
  
22. Who is Stanley Milgram? What experiment made him famous? Why?
  
23. Briefly describe the *Hawthorne effect*.
  
24. What was the name of the real Rain Man?
  
25. What is *coulrophobia* a fear of?
  
26. What building did the Stanford Prison experiment occur in? Give the specific name.
  
27. Who is the current APA (American Psychological Association) president?
  
28. Give the full name of B.F. Skinner.
  
29. What s the role of the *corpus callosum* in our brain?

*\*The following questions focus not on psychology but on Middlesex Community College (MCC)...you will need to visit their official website to answer them.*

30. What is the official website for MCC?

31. Where are the MCC campuses located? Please give the official addresses.

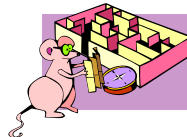
32. How much does a 3-credit course cost at MCC?

33. What room is the Writing Center located on the MCC campus in Lowell?

34. According to the *Tutoring Resources/Academic Support*, what are the components of a five paragraph essay?

35. According to the *Tutoring Resources/Academic Support*, what are four tips for reading a science textbook?

36. Have you bought your agenda book for the 2011-2012 school year yet?



Make sure you answered all 36 questions!!!