“A Party with Psychologists”

Objective:

1. Identify the founding fathers of Psychology.
2. Compare and contrast the psychological perspectives.

Directions – You are throwing a party, and all of your favorite psychologists are going to be there. You are going to play games, socialize, and maybe even witness a conflict or two. You need to write a 2 – 5 page paper describing the events of the evening. Create and describe the characters at your party – not all of them need to be psychologists. Identify their behavior and personality characteristics. Consider answering the following questions: What are your psychologists wearing? How do your characters interact with other people at the party? What are the topics of their conversations?

Suggestion: Create a plot line for the evening.

1. Begin your story by describing the characters arrival.
   1. What vehicle did they arrive in? Did they arrive in a vehicle at all?
2. Create a conflict for your story.
   1. Have your characters participate in a party game. For example, you can describe a game of charades. Then, incorporate a conflict or disagreement to emphasize the characteristics and perspectives of your chosen psychologists.
3. Conclusion
   1. Creatively resolve the conflict created by your psychologists.

\*While writing your story, try to incorporate as many details about the psychologist and his perspective.

Possible Psychologists

1. Sigmund Freud
2. Wilhelm Weundt
3. William James
4. Edward Titchener
5. Abraham Maslow
6. John B. Watson
7. B.F. Skinner
8. Carl Rogers
9. Robert Sternberg (Cognitive Psychologist)
10. Jean Piaget (Cognitive Psychologist)
11. Albert Bandura (Cognitive Psychologist)
12. David Buss (Evolutionary Psychologist)

Sigmund Freud, “A man who has been the indisputable favorite of his mother keeps for life the feeling of a conqueror.”

Sigmund Freud, “Children are completely egoistic; they feel their needs intensely and strive ruthlessly to satisfy them.”

Sigmund Freud, “Men are more moral than they think and far more immoral than they can imagine.”

Sigmund Freud, “If you can't do it, give up!”

John B. Watson, “Give me a dozen healthy infants, well-formed, and my own specified world to bring them up in and I'll guarantee to take any one at random and train him to become any type of specialist I might select – doctor, lawyer, artist, merchant-chief and, yes, even beggar-man and thief, regardless of his talents, penchants, tendencies, abilities, vocations, and race of his ancestors.”

B.F. Skinner, “I did not direct my life. I didn't design it. I never made decisions. Things always came up and made them for me. That's what life is.”

B.F. Skinner, “Give me a child and I'll shape him into anything.”

B.F. Skinner, “If you're old, don't try to change yourself, change your environment.”

Abraham Maslow, “All the evidence that we have indicates that it is reasonable to assume in practically every human being, and certainly in almost every newborn baby, that there is an active will toward health, an impulse towards growth, or towards the actualization.”

Abraham Maslow, “If I were dropped out of a plane into the ocean and told the nearest land was a thousand miles away, I'd still swim. And I'd despise the one who gave up.”

Abraham Maslow, “The fact is that people are good. Give people affection and security, and they will give affection and be secure in their feelings and their behavior.”