

“A Party with Psychologists”

Objective:

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

Directions – You have found yourself in the midst of a social conflict, and your favorite psychologists (a max of three) happen to be there. This conflict could be anything from a visit to the dentist to a robbery at your local grocery store. You need to write a three page paper describing the events of your story. Create and describe the characters in your social conflict – not all of them need to be psychologists. Identify their behavior and personality characteristics; the behavior, thoughts, and dialogue of the psychologists need to reflect their psychological perspectives. Consider how your characters and psychologists interact with other people around them. Dialogue is encouraged. Be sure to review the grammatical rules when including dialogue into your writing.

*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)
13. Paul Ekman

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.”