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Dear, Student and Parent/ Guardians

I would like to welcome you to Introduction to Sociology. This course covers a broad range of topics but it essentially looks at how people relate to each other and society. The summer assignment is to provide you with some foundational concepts that will help you throughout the course. This is due the first day we meet in September.

Required Sociology Summer Assignment:

Go to <https://www.saylor.org/site/textbooks/OpenStax%20Sociology.pdf>

Read Chapter 1, pages 9-22. Then answer the following questions based on the reading.

Complete ALL Response Questions

1.1 What Is Sociology? (This is where you can find the answer in the chapter for example 1.1 means Ch1 section1)

1. What do you think C. Wright Mills meant when he said that to be a sociologist, one had to develop a Sociological imagination?

2. Describe a situation in which a choice you made was influenced by societal pressures.

1.2 The History of Sociology (Ch 1 section2)

3. What do you make of Karl Marx's contributions to sociology? What perceptions of Marx have you been exposed to in your society, and how do those perceptions influence your views?

4. Do you tend to place more value on qualitative or quantitative research? Why? Does it matter what topic is being studied?

1.3 Theoretical Perspectives (Ch1 Section 3)

5. Which theory do you think better explains how societies operate—structural functionalism or Conflict theory? Why?

6. Do you think the way people behave in social interactions is more like the behavior of animals or more like actors playing a role in a theatrical production? Why?

1.4 Why Study Sociology?

7. How do you think taking a sociology course might affect your social interactions?

8. What sort of career are you interested in? How could studying sociology help you in this career?

Responses:

- A. Should have 1 inch margins, 12 point font and theme font: Calibri
- B. Each of your responses should be thoughtful and thorough in order to earn credit
- C. All work should be typed with 1 inch margins, 12 point font and theme font: Calibri
 - ✓ The answers to the questions should be in your own words
 - ✓ Do not plagiarize

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- This assignment is due on the **first day** of class.
- Students who do not complete the assignment **FULLY** will be **removed** from the class.

I am looking forward to meeting you in September, have an enjoyable summer!

Sincerely,

Mr. Londis

Intro to PSYCHOLOGY – SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

Article Analysis – **Read 4** of the 5 articles listed below on the theme of teens. After reading each article, you will analyze the article and complete four guided review questions. The questions must be answered in complete sentences for each of the four articles. The answers for each article must be submitted on a separate sheet of paper with the name of the journal, title of the article, author, and the publication date included at the top of the page. This assignment must be organized, detailed and logical with a minimum of **4** pages in length.

1. The Teenage Brain: Spock vs. Captain Kirk (NPR Ed. Mar.11, 2015)

<http://www.npr.org/sections/ed/2015/03/11/391864852/the-teenage-brain-spock-vs-captain-kirk>

2. Teens and Risky Behavior: More Complicated than it seems? (Los Angeles Times, Oct. 2, 2012)

<http://articles.latimes.com/2012/oct/02/news/la-heb-teens-risk-averse-20121001>

3. What Makes Teens Tick (Time, May 10, 2004)

<http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org/what-makes-teens-tick-flood-hormones-sure-alsohost-structural-changes-brain-can-those-explain-behav>

4. Good Parents, Bad Results (U.S. News & World Report, June 12, 2008)

<http://health.usnews.com/health-news/family-health/livingwell/articles/2008/06/12/good-parents-bad-results>

5. Teenager, Friends, and Bad Decisions (New York Times, February 3, 2011)

<http://well.blogs.nytimes.com/2011/02/03/teenagers-friends-and-bad-decisions/? r=0>

Guided Review Questions:

- A. Papers should have 1 inch margins, 12 point font and theme font: Calibri
- B. Each of your responses should be **thoughtful and thorough** in order to earn credit. **minimum of 4 pages in length**
- C. For each article you read, please answer the following questions



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Date: 6/23/17

To: Psychology Students

From: Mr. Londis, Instructor

Re: Required Summer Assignment

PSYCHOLOGY – SUMMER ASSIGNMENT, 2017-2018

Dear Psychology Students:

I am looking forward to having you in class next fall! As is customary with most College Link courses, there is a summer assignment for Psychology. The specific details of this assignment are at the end of this letter. Before addressing your task, however, I would like to offer a very brief overview of the course.

Introduction to Psychology is designed to introduce students to the systematic and scientific study of behavior and mental processes of human beings and other animals. Students are exposed to the psychological facts, principles, and phenomena associated with each of the major subfields within psychology. They also learn about the ethics and methods psychologists use in their science and practice. The aim of this course is to provide students with a learning experience equivalent to that obtained in most college introductory psychology courses."

This course is designed to be practical so that what we learn can be applied to our lives. All the work we cover will require you to work and study the material in order to be successful. The summer assignment is your first work you will submit. Providing detailed analysis in your work will pay off.

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1. What does the author attribute to risky/bad teenage behavior? Please explain your answer in detail.
2. Does the author use research to support their claims about where risky/bad teenage behavior comes from? If so describe the research. If not, do you believe that the information in the article is reliable or valid? Why or why not?
3. Do you agree with the author's opinion where risky/bad teenage behavior comes from? Explain why or why not.

As you construct your responses, keep the following in mind:

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 - Please **be prepared** for a quiz and discussion the first days of class.
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