

1. History, Approaches, and Research Methods in Psychology

Content Area: **Social Studies**
Course(s): **Generic Course**
Time Period: **4 weeks**
Length: **4 weeks**
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Unit Overview

This unit is the introductory unit to psychology. Students will trace the ongoing evolution of psychology from its creation to current theoretical perspectives. Students will also be exposed to the dynamic relationship between psychological theory and the scientific method. Students will be able to associate basic understandings of current issues to scientific principles of psychology.

**This curriculum is divided into 4 units, allowing the teachers to design their course in an effort to highlight each of the 4 core domains. Teacher must select at least one learning goal from each unit in order to allow students to be exposed to a diverse selection of psychological concepts without sacrificing any key components of psychology.*

Transfer

Students will be able to independently use their learning to...

Compare and contrast psychology's perspectives and to use research studies and critical thinking to apply concepts to behavioral and mental processes

Meaning

Understandings

Students will understand....

1. Contemporary perspectives used by psychologists to understand behavior and mental processes
2. Research strategies used by psychologists to explore behavior and mental processes
3. Ethical issues in research with human and animals that are important to psychologists

Essential Questions

Students will keep considering...

1. What is psychology and what is it not?
2. What are the perspectives psychologists use today?
3. How do psychologists make sense of data in order to develop new knowledge?
4. What ethical considerations must psychologists consider when conducting research?

Application of Knowledge and Skill

Students will know...

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1. The definition of psychology
2. Major perspectives in psychology

Students will be skilled at...

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1. Investigating the steps, methods, and concepts psychologists use to conduct research
2. Assess the ethics involved in conducting psychological research

Academic Vocabulary

Recommended vocabulary. May vary depending on student ability.

Psychology's Perspectives

Psychology

Biological

Cognitive

Evolutionary

Psychodynamic

Sociocultural

Behavioral

Humanistic

Research Methods

scientific method

variable

hypothesis

population

sample

surveys

observation

experiment

Learning Goal #1

Explain how psychology adds to our knowledge of behavior and mental processes.

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SOC.6.3.12.CS6

Make informed and reasoned decisions and accept responsibility for the consequences of their actions and/or inactions.

TECH.8.1.12.E.1

Produce a position statement about a real world problem by developing a systematic plan of investigation with peers and experts synthesizing information from multiple sources.

Target 1

Define psychology

- Define psychology

Target 2

Compare and contrast the different perspectives psychologists use today

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Learning Goal 2

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TECH.8.1.12.A.CS2	Select and use applications effectively and productively.
TECH.8.1.12.B.CS1	Apply existing knowledge to generate new ideas, products, or processes.
TECH.8.1.12.B.CS2	Create original works as a means of personal or group expression.
TECH.8.1.12.C.1	Develop an innovative solution to a real world problem or issue in collaboration with peers and experts, and present ideas for feedback through social media or in an online community.
TECH.8.1.12.C.CS1	Interact, collaborate, and publish with peers, experts, or others by employing a variety of digital environments and media.
TECH.8.1.12.C.CS2	Communicate information and ideas to multiple audiences using a variety of media and formats.
TECH.8.1.12.C.CS3	Develop cultural understanding and global awareness by engaging with learners of other cultures.
TECH.8.1.12.C.CS4	Contribute to project teams to produce original works or solve problems.
TECH.8.1.12.D.CS2	Demonstrate personal responsibility for lifelong learning.

TECH.8.1.12.E.CS1	Plan strategies to guide inquiry.
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TECH.8.1.12.F.CS1	Identify and define authentic problems and significant questions for investigation.
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Target 2

Discuss ethics in psychological research

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Summative Assessment

All assessments are differentiated and aligned to the social studies standards and curriculum. Alternate assessments may include, but not be limited to problem based learning, projects, common assessments, and other activities. Common summative assessments will be devised by core content teachers and must include benchmark assessments.

21st Century Life and Careers

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Formative Assessment and Performance Opportunities

Accommodations/Modifications

Differentiation: 504 accommodations and IEP modifications are met as required

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- Graphic Organizers
- Chunked Readings
- RAFT Activities (Role, Audience, Format, Topic)
- Layered Curriculum/Tiered Assignments
- Academic Games to practice skills and deepen understanding of topics
- Think-Pair-Share Activities
- Stations and Learning Centers
- Utilizing Pre-tests to reteach complex content before summative assessment
- Providing additional resources for independent study (videos, study guides, teacher notes, web-based resources)

Alternate assessments may include, but are not limited to Project Based Learning, projects or presentations, or a common paper/pencil assessment or combination of any of these. Some example alternative assessment can include:

- Compare and Contrast Foldable
- Online Practice Game
- Graphic Organizer
- Perspectives Journal Writing
- Timelines
- Debate
- Play Re-Enactment and Song Analysis
- Research Activity <http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/lessons/tinker/procedure.html>

Online Resources:

Text to Speech: Natural Readers - <https://www.naturalreaders.com/>

Content Vocabulary: Academic Word Finder - <http://achievethecore.org/academic-word-finder/>

Ref's	Description
0x	• student choice research projects
0x	• guided notes
0x	• leveled readings
0x	• modified assessments
0x	• modified assignments
0x	• task-based assessments
0x	• test corrections

Unit Resources

May include, but not be limited to:

Psychology Textbook

Online websites and resources

DVD's

Social Studies Databases

Student Response Systems

Projector/Speaker Systems

Primary Source Documents

Document Cameras

Online Portfolios

Teacher Resource Kit

Interdisciplinary Connections
