

A level Psychology

Why do I need to complete a bridging activity?

The purpose of this activity is to aid your preparation for advanced level study and make the transition from GCSE study as smooth as possible. Some activities are written pieces of work, some are research-based and some are practical. They should be completed to the best of your ability and they will give you the opportunity to start to showcase your talent for your chosen subjects. As these are compulsory activities, it is vital that you put in the time and effort to ensure they are completed to the highest standard.

When should I hand this in?

You should complete this activity for the start of your first lesson in September.

How will I be given feedback?

Feedback appropriate to the task will be given to you by your teacher.

Summary of the activity

Your task is to fully answer the following questions about the origins of Psychology. To do this you need to use the internet or any Psychology text books you have access to. Answer each question in as much detail as possible.

Your answers must be handwritten on A4 paper with a left-hand margin.

The Origins of Psychology:

- 1 Who was Wilhelm Wundt? How is he linked to Psychology? What was he the first person to create in Germany?
- 2 Explain what is meant by introspection. Identify some research techniques used in introspection.
- 3 Outline one criticism of Wundt's method of introspection.
- 4 Define the term empiricism. How is empiricism scientific?
- 5 Give short definitions for the following terms:
 - a) Objective
 - b) Systematic
 - c) Replicable
- 6 Outline one strength and one limitation of the scientific approach in psychology.

Bridging Activity for September 2017



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Student Name (to be completed by the student)