

SIXTH FORM SUMMER TRANSITION TASK

	<u>PSYCHOLOGY</u>	
	Qualification Level	A-Level
	Exam Board/ Syllabus	AQA
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The Task:

Investigate the **origins** of Psychology and write a **1,500 word essay** on the **emergence of Psychology as a Science**. Your essay should start with an introduction. You should then write the main body of your essay and follow a PEE structure. **Point**- make a point (x1 sentence) about how Psychology emerged as a science. **Explain**- the idea in detail referring to key Psychologists and key concepts. **Evaluate**- can you provide strengths or limitations of Psychology being a science. Your essay should finish with a conclusion. Your essay should be written in the third person.

Include the following in your essay:

- **Introduction**
 - What are you going to be discussing in your essay.
 - Do not write in the first person but instead the third person
 - The introduction will only be short but directive
- **What are the key features of a science?**
 - How do we know if something is scientific?
 - What are the key parts of a science?
- **Does Psychology fit into the idea of being a science?**
 - Does Psychology have the components to be a science?
 - Where is the evidence for this?
- **Who is Wundt and what are his main ideas?**
 - Who is Wundt and when was he writing
 - What are his key ideas and how do they link to psychology as a science?
- **What is introspection and how is it relevant?**
 - Explain what is meant by the term introspection?
 - How does it link to Psychology as a science?
- **Who is John B. Watson and what are his main ideas?**
 - Who is Watson and when was he writing?
 - How is he different/similar to Wundt?
 - What are his key ideas and how do they link to Psychology as a science?
- **Conclusion**
 - Is Psychology a science?

Keywords to consider

- Objectivity versus Subjectivity
- Empiricism
- Replicability
- Theory construction

- Paradigms
- Falsification

Useful websites:

- www.apa.org/research
- www.bbc.co.uk
- www.bps.org.uk
- www.classroomvideo.co.uk
- www.gerardkeegan.co.uk
- www.hoddereducation.co.uk/Product-Landing-Pages/Magazines/Magazines-extras/Psychology-Review-extras
- www.integrationsociopsychology.net
- www.podology.org.uk
- www.psychotron.org.uk/
- <http://psychology.about.com/>
- www.ted.com/talks