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AP Psychology-Summer Assignment
Due Date: First Friday of the school year

I will accept late assignments on the following Monday only (less one grade). If the assignment is not turned in, your first marking period grade will be lowered by 10 points. The weight of the assignment will be 10% of first marking period grade. Feel free to contact me at the above address with questions.

You are to write an essay to answer the questions below. Be sure to answer all aspects of the question. You are welcome to discuss your ideas with others, but your answer should be wholly your own. A good answer will reflect a thorough understanding of concepts and much critical reflection. Clarity, organization, and writing style count as well as content. Your essay should be no longer than a page to a page and a half in length and must be typed. You may double space, but you must use standard margins and no larger than a 12- point font. You must use at least one outside source for your paper but their will be no criteria for its use (i.e. you can use web pages, journals, books, etc. as long as it is valid and scholarly) **You must cite your source using MLA.** The use of non-credible sources or failure to cite sources will lower your grade.

First, you are to imagine that you have suffered severe damage or loss of a particular part of your brain. The part that will be assigned to you is in the chart that follows. First, I want you to tell me the function of that part of the brain. Second, describe any disorders or problems that would occur if that part was damaged or lost (include any real disorders or infer your own). Third, describe treatment that may be effective in regaining lost abilities, if there are no treatments state this. Lastly, I want you to tell me how the brain damage would affect your life specifically. How would it alter your current life and your life ambition? What kind of difficulties or problems would it cause for you? How and to what extent could you compensate for the loss? Describe in detail the behavioral consequences that the damage would have for you.

The last part (Part 4) can be written as a personal story (using the pronoun “I”). The first 3 parts are to be written as a factual essay, please do not create a story or use the personal pronoun “I” for the first 3 sections.

Use the following chart to determine the brain part that is damaged/ lost. Go to the number of the month you were born, the brain part is next to the number.

Month	Brain Part	Month	Brain Part	Month	Brian Part	Month	Brain Part
1	Amygdala	4	Cerebellum	7	Wernicke’s area	10	Sensory cortex
2	Hippocampus	5	Motor Cortex	8	Corpus callosum	11	Hypothalamus
3	Frontal Lobe	6	Broca’s area	9	Reticular formation	12	Pituitary gland