

You should keep a **notebook** (spiral notebook or 3-ring binder) that will hold all of your AP Psychology notes and handouts. It is your responsibility to keep this notebook current and organized. You should have your notebook with you everyday you are in class. I will be checking the notebook on chapter test days throughout the semester. Remember, the notebook makes up 10% of your total class grade.

- A. Include the syllabus and class calendar to include in your notebook as the first few pages. (When adding loose pages to a spiral notebook you should glue, staple, or clear-tape them in so that all pages/sides are visible.)
- B. You must divide your notebook into unit sections as we go along. You can use a “stickie” note or more formal section dividers as long as it is labeled. You will also eventually have a section labeled for semester one final review and semester two final review.
- C. Include the following in each section:

Lecture Notes:

You should take complete, dated class notes. Everyday. Try to put them into your own words. Don’t just write something down if you don’t understand it – ask questions. Leave some blank space on each page to make additions and clarifications. It is important to review these class notes each day while they are still fresh in your mind. Expand them, clarify them, and add examples so that they will make sense when you go back to study from them later. Note anything that leaves a question in your mind and ask these questions the following day. It is your responsibility to get notes from a classmate if you are out for the day.

Reading Notes/Textbook Notes:

I will not cover the text completely in my lectures. Some sections are pretty self-explanatory and will be left to you to learn. It is important that you take notes on what you have read and treat them as if they were lecture notes. If you can condense a unit into a few pages of good notes, it will be much easier to review. You may also want to take notes on all supplemental readings.

In-Class Assignments:

Include all in-class labs and assignments into the appropriate chapter section. Again, if you are absent for a class, please check with a classmate or in the extras bin to see what you have missed.

Unit Review Work and Vocabulary:

Each unit, you will be required to answer a set of key questions as part of your review work. Reviews will be available online at the start of unit and will be checked the day of the test. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE NIGHT BEFORE THE DUE DATE TO COMPLETE THE WORK!!!!

