Arkansas Social Studies

Psychology

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Understand the evolving nature of psychology and the methods and measurements used to study behavior and mental processes. This includes the behaviors related to sensation, perception, and consciousness; how biology influences psychology; the cognitive, moral, and social development throughout the human lifespan; and the causes and effects of psychological phenomena. SS.1

1. **Analyze developments in the field of psychology as a social science. Developments may include:
Scientific methods
Empirical research
Development of theories
Demarcation of psychology as a pseudo-science
Contemporary applied psychology
** SS.1.PSY.1
2. **Compare contemporary perspectives used by psychologists.** SS.1.PSY.2
3. **Analyze methods for collecting data in the field of psychology.** SS.1.PSY.3
4. **Evaluate the impact of American Psychological Association (APA) and federal guidelines on the ethical treatment of human and nonhuman research participants (e.g., informed consent, avoiding harm, respect for individual rights).** SS.1.PSY.4
5. **Analyze how the processes of sensation and perception influence experiences and expectations in one's environment.** SS.1.PSY.5
6. **Compare different stages of consciousness:
Conscious
Unconscious
Sleep states
Other states such as meditation, relaxation, hypnosis, and flow state
** SS.1.PSY.6
7. **Explain the effects of the brain, nervous system, and endocrine system on behavior.** SS.1.PSY.7
8. **Analyze interactions between biological factors and life experiences and their influences on behavior.** SS.1.PSY.8
9. **Explain how lifespan development (e.g., childhood, adolescence, adulthood, and aging) influences behavior and human interactions.** SS.1.PSY.9
10. **Evaluate the methods of conditioning and learning theories.** SS.1.PSY.10
11. **Evaluate biological processes and disorders associated with memory.** SS.1.PSY.11
12. **Examine measures of intelligence and compare how measures and perceptions of intelligence such as theories, tests, cultural understanding, and multiple perspectives have changed over time.** SS.1.PSY.12

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13. **Students will explain theories of motivation, emotion, and factors that influence emotional interpretation and expression.** SS.1.PSY.13

14. **Students will examine theories of personality, assessment, and influences related to personality.** SS.1.PSY.14

15. **Evaluate causes, impacts, and treatment of psychological disorders.** SS.1.PSY.15