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Origins and Elements of Psychology (4 weeks)	History of Psychology, Approaches, and Methods of Research	How is Psychology applicable to me? How do psychologists analyze and evaluate behavior? What is the criterion for ethical research? What role does the environment and biology play in determining behavior?	Resources: Psychology Textbook, teacher resources YouTube for video clips https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=juEeUg0groU Pre-knowledge Vocabulary quiz Milgram articlehttps://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eTX42IVDwA4 Benefits of Psychology articlehttps://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5CTuggOuVrl Film: Stanford PrisonExperiment Graphic organizers Approaches scenarios Nature vs Nurture article Case studies in Psychology Video clips on case studies: Case of Geniehttps://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6H2POnmvbPo	Scientific Inquiry Domain 1.1 Define psychology as a discipline and identify its goals as a Science. 1.2 Describe the emergence of psychology as a scientific discipline. 1.3 Describe perspectives employed to understand behavior and mental processes 1.4 Explain how psychology evolved as a scientific discipline. Students are able to (performance standards): 2.1 Discuss the value of both basic and applied psychological research with human and non-human animals 2.2 Describe the major subfields of psychology 1.1 Explain the interaction of environmental and biological factors in development, including the role of the brain in all aspects of development. 1.2 Describe and compare a variety of quantitative (e.g., surveys, correlations, experiments) and qualitative (e.g., interviews, narratives, focus groups) research methods.

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			e5OixqeLVw Assessments Pre-knowledge quiz review Think Aloud	CC.8.5.11-12.B Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary that makes clear the

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			 Cornell notes on articles and review/summary. Film questions Writing to learn activities during lecture. Class discussion/review of completed activities. Guided Readings Approaches review with scenarios. Case study analysis questions Small group discussions Approaches to Psychology poster project. Nature and Nurture Group PowerPoint 	relationships among the key details and ideas. CC.8.6.11-12.H Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

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The Biology of Behavior (2-3 weeks)	The Brain, Nervous System, and sleep	How does the structure and function of the nervous system determine behavior? How does sleep deprivation affect the body and the mind? To what extent are dreams meaningful in understanding human behavior and thoughts? How do sleep disturbances affect behavior?	Resources: Psychology Textbook, teacher resources YouTube for video clips Nervous System PowerPoint and graphic organizer Anatomy of neuron article Nervous system songs Neuron video clips Cornell notes sheets Dream interpretation article (Freud and Cartwright theories) Effects of sleep deprivation article Science of Sleep video (60minutes) Sleep disorders graphic organizer Video clips on sleep disorders Sleeping Beauty Syndrome Rare sleep disorders Overview of sleep disorders	Biopsychology Domain 1.1 Identify the major divisions and subdivisions of the human nervous system 1.2 Identify the parts of the neuron and describe the basic process of neural transmission 1.3 Differentiate between the structures and functions of the various parts of the central nervous system 1.4 Describe lateralization of brain functions 2.1 Describe how the endocrine glands are linked to the nervous system 2.2 Describe the effects of hormones on behavior and mental processes 4.1 Identify tools used to study the nervous system. 4.2 Describe advances made in neuroscience. 4.3 Discuss issues related to scientific advances in neuroscience and genetics 1.1 Identify states of consciousness. 2.1 Describe the circadian rhythm and its relation to sleep 2.2 Describe the sleep cycle 2.3 Compare theories about the functions of sleep

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			 Film and questions 	2.4 Describe types of sleep disorders
			 Awakenings 	2.5 Compare theories about the
			 Brain webquest 	functions of dreams
			 Film and reaction 	
			questions:	Reading and Writing in Social Studies:
				CC.8.5.11-12.B Determine the central
			documentary)	ideas or information of a primary or
			o Powerpoint on	secondary source; provide an accurate
			Traumatic brain	summary that makes clear the
			injury	relationships among the key details
			 PowerPoint lecture: 	and ideas.
			Parkinson's Disease	
			YouTube clips:	
			 Muhammad Ali 	
			Deep brain	
			stimulation	
			 Synthetic dopamine 	
			 Experimental drugs article 	
			 Hemispheric dominance 	
			assessment	
			 Hemispheric dominance 	
			article	
			Video Clips	
			 Split brain surgery 	
			 Phineas Gage 	
			 Teenage brain article and 	
			321 exit slip	
			Brain teasers	

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			Assessments Cornell notes on articles and review/summary. Think Aloud Film questions Writing to learn activities during lecture. Class discussion/review of completed activities. Guided Readings Small group discussions Life Size Nervous System Project and neuron creation Brain webquest discussion Reaction Paper for Smashed Review of sleep disorder graphic organizer Parts of the brain application activity Brain bingo Hemispheric dominance application activity. Teenage brain 321 exit slip	

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Elements and Theories of Learning (3 Weeks)	Learning Theories, Memory, and Intelligence	How does the environment shape behavior? How do individuals and groups impact others' behaviors? How does memory retention and loss affect learning? How do psychologists analyze and evaluate intelligence?	Resources: Psychology Textbook, teacher resources YouTube for video clips Lecture, PowerPoint on 3 learning theories. Cornell notes sheets Articles on all 3 learning theories Classical Conditioning Operant conditioning Social learning theory YouTube video clips on all 3 learning theories/research. Pavlov Skinner Bandura YouTube video clips of examples of all 3 learning theories in popular culture. Military mind control video clip Film: Remember the Titans	Development and Learning Domain: 1.1 Describe the principles of classical conditioning 1.2 Describe clinical and experimental examples of classical conditioning 1.3 Apply classical conditioning to everyday life 2.2 Describe the principles of operant conditioning 2.3 Describe clinical and experimental examples of operant conditioning 2.4 Apply operant conditioning to everyday life 3.1 Describe the principles of observational and cognitive learning 3.2 Apply observational and cognitive learning to everyday life. 1.3 Describe perspectives employed to understand behavior and mental processes Cognition Domain: 1.1 Identify factors that influence encoding 1.3 Discuss strategies for improving the encoding of memory.

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			 Episode: Beyond Scared Straight Online mock IQ test Intelligence theories graphic organizer Video clip on Gardner's Theory of intelligence Teacher lecture, PowerPoint on Memory Mysteries of Memory worksheet and webquest. Video clips on amnesia and memory functions, mechanisms used for improvement. Assessments Cornell notes on articles and review/summary. Think Aloud Film questions Writing to learn activities during lecture. Class discussion/review of completed activities. Guided Readings Learning theories: 	2.1 Describe the differences between working memory and long-term memory 2.2 Identify and explain biological processes related to how memory is stored 2.3 Discuss types of memory and memory disorders (e.g., amnesias, dementias) 2.4 Discuss strategies for improving the storage of memories 3.1 Analyze the importance of retrieval cues in memory 3.2 Explain the role that interference plays in retrieval 3.3 Discuss the factors influencing how memories are retrieved 3.4 Explain how memories can be malleable 3.5 Discuss strategies for improving the retrieval of memories 1.1 Discuss intelligence as a general factor 1.2 Discuss alternative conceptualizations of intelligence 1.3 Describe the extremes of intelligence

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			 Key characteristics mini quizzes Application activities Gardner's intelligence depiction Mysteries of memory worksheet Processes of memory quiz Remember the Titans learning theories analysis paper IQ test analysis questions 	2.1 Discuss the history of intelligence testing, including historical use and misuse in the context of fairness 2.2 Identify current methods of assessing human abilities 3.2 Discuss the influences of biological, cultural, and environmental factors on intelligence Reading and Writing in Social Studies: CC.8.6.11-12.C Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

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Individual Variations (2-3 weeks)	Motivation, Personality, and Morality	To what extent do biological and environmental factors play a role in motivation? To what extent do personality theories provide a way to organizer the individual characteristics of people? What factors play a role in moral decision making?	Psychology textbook, teacher resources VouTube for video clips Teacher lecture, PowerPoint: theories of motivation and personality theory, Kohlberg's theory. Motivation articles: intrinsic/extrinsic, Maslow's hierarchy of needs. Video clips linking theories to popular culture. Myers-Briggs online personality test Ink blot tests Myers-Briggs pre-test video Graphic organizers Cornell sheets Films: The Pursuit of Happyness My Sister's Keeper	Individual Variations Domain: 2.3 Identify the important role psychology plays in benefitting society and improving peoples' lives. 1.1 Explain biologically based theories of motivation 1.2 Explain cognitively based theories of motivation 1.3 Explain humanistic theories of motivation 1.4 Explain the role of culture in human motivation 1.1 Evaluate psychodynamic theories 1.2 Evaluate trait theories 1.3 Evaluate humanistic theories 1.4 Evaluate social—cognitive theories 3.4 Discuss self-concept 3.5 Analyze how individualistic and collectivistic cultural perspectives relate to personality 2.1 Differentiate personality assessment techniques 2.2 Discuss the reliability and validity of personality assessment Techniques Development Domain: 2.2 Discuss theories of moral development

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			Assessments: Cornell notes on articles and review/summary. Think Aloud Film questions Writing to learn activities during lecture. Class discussion/review of completed activities. Guided Readings Motivation ad activity Motivation Project Animoto, speech, rap Personality test results and assessment. Freud personality theory application activity. Defense mechanisms application activity. Personality collage project. Kohlberg application activity.	6.2 Describe the development of reasoning and morality Reading and Writing in Social Studies: CC.8.6.11-12.1 Write routinely and effectively (time for reflection and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

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Life Span Development (3 weeks)	Cognitive Development/ Psychosocial Development/Ide ntity Formation/Adulth ood/parenting styles	How does thinking evolve over a life span? How do social and psychological factors affect human development? What factors affect identity formation? How do different styles of parenting affect a child's social, psychological, and emotional development? What are the challenges faced throughout adulthood?	Resources: Psychology Textbook, teacher resources YouTube for video clips Cornell notes sheets Clips demonstrating Piaget's 4 stages Graphic organizers Application activities Erik Erikson article on life and stages of psychosocial development. Film: The Parenthood Erikson application and review activities Teacher PowerPoint, lecture Piaget's stages Frikson's stages Parenting styles Marcia's identity statuses Video clips demonstrating the various parenting styles in popular culture	Development Domain 1.3 Distinguish methods used to study development. 1.5 Discuss issues related to the end of life. 2.1 Discuss theories of cognitive development 2.3 Discuss theories of social development. 3.1 Describe physical development from conception through birth and identify influences on prenatal development. 3.2 Describe newborns' reflexes, temperament, and abilities. 4.1 Describe physical and motor development. 4.3 Describe the development of attachment and the role of the caregiver 4.4 Describe the development of communication and language. 5.1 Describe physical and motor development 5.2 Describe how memory and thinking ability develops

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			 Illustrating Erikson's 8 stages Music and lyrics that illustrate Marcia's 4 identity statuses. Film: The Breakfast Club Adulthood timeline Parenting styles scenarios worksheet All about Me Graphic organizer Personal identity discussion questions. Short video clips Death and dying Alzheimer's disease Assessment Cornell notes on articles	5.3 Describe social, cultural, and emotional development through childhood 6.1 Identify major physical changes 6.2 Describe the development of reasoning and morality 6.3 Describe identity formation 6.4 Discuss the role of family and peers in adolescent development 7.1 Identify major physical changes associated with adulthood and aging 7.2 Describe cognitive changes in adulthood and aging 7.3 Discuss social, cultural, and emotional issues in aging. Social Studies Reading and Writing: CC.8.5.11-12.A Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, connecting insights gained from specific details to an understanding of the text as a whole.

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			 Application/scenario activities for the various theories: Piaget, Erikson, Marcia Baumrind parenting styles Film analysis questions The Parenthood The Breakfast Club Erikson's stages, Parenting styles, and Marcia's statuses Piaget's children's toy museum project. 	

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Abnormal Psychology (2-3 weeks)	Criteria for abnormal behavior and causes, symptoms, and treatments of psychological disorders	How do psychologists determine abnormality in human behavior? How do psychologists categorize psychological disorders? How does research support the diagnostic criteria of a psychological disorder?	Resources: Psychology Textbook, teacher resources YouTube for video clips Cornell notes sheets Teacher PowerPoint, lecture on abnormal behavior and categories of psychological disorders. Abnormal Behavior Criteria article. Psychological disorders graphic organizer Video clips on: Case studies of certain mental disorders The criteria for abnormality. Psychological disorder application activity Films: A Beautiful Mind Split Girl, Interrupted	Individual Variations Domain 1.1 Define psychologically abnormal behavior. 1.4 Discuss how stigma relates to abnormal behavior. 1.5 Discuss the impact of psychological disorders on the individual, family, and society 2.1 Describe the classification of psychological disorders 2.2 Discuss the challenges associated with diagnosis. 2.3 Describe symptoms and causes of major categories of psychological disorders (including schizophrenic, mood, anxiety, and personality disorders). 2.4 Evaluate how different factors influence an individual's experience of psychological disorders 1.3 Explain why psychologists use a variety of treatment options. 2.1 Identify biomedical treatments. Social Studies Reading and Writing: CC.8.5.11-12.C

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			 Cornell notes on articles and review/summary. Think Aloud Film questions Writing to learn activities during lecture. Class discussion/review of completed activities. Guided Readings Psychological disorders quiz Psychology Final Project (Research psychological disorder). 	Evaluate various explanations for actions or events and determine which explanation best accords with textual evidence, acknowledging where the text leaves matters uncertain. CC.8.6.11-12.H Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.