Summer Assignment

Due: FIRST DAY!!!

In order to provide you with a solid foundation for success in this course (who wants a 5 on that test?) and to discover the great diversity of this field, I am giving you the opportunity to read selected sections from Forty Studies That Changed Psychology, by Roger R. Hock. The most recent is the 7th edition. Your summer assignment is geared towards investigating some of the most influential psychological research to date. The historical studies discussed in this text continue to be cited, stirred up controversy when first published, directed new research, and changed our understanding of human behavior. In addition, this is information that appears most frequently on the AP Psychology Exam, thus, early preparation can only lead you one step further toward success on the AP Exam.

After the reading, you are to complete the “Study Guide Questions” that are included with this assignment. Your summaries should reflect your ability to critically analyze material.

THE ASSIGNMENT:

Part 1: Reading Assignment- Read each of the following studies.
Chapter 1 – Biology and Human Behavior: “Are you a Natural?” p.19

Chapter 2 – Perception and Consciousness: “To Sleep, No Doubt to Dream.” P.42

Chapter 3 – Learning and Conditioning: “It’s Not Just About Salivating Dogs,” and “Little Emotional Albert.” (Be sure to read both) p. 65 and 72

Chapter 4 – Intelligence, Cognition, and Memory: “What You Expect Is What You Get.” P.93

Chapter 5 – Human Development: “Discovering Love.” P.126

Chapter 7 – Personality: “Are You The Master Of Your Fate?” p.190

Chapter 8 – Psychopathology: “Learning to Be Depressed.” P.240

Chapter 10 – Social Psychology: “A Prison by any Other Name,” and "To Help or Not To Help" p. 285

Part 2: Study Guide:

Answer ALL of the following question for each article read (12 articles). This section must be typed and in complete sentences. Be sure to Label each study in the beginning before answering the questions.

1. What question was the researcher trying to answer (What aspect of human behavior were they interested in)?

2. Summarize the results of the study.

3. Discuss ONE example of the significance of the study OR ONE criticism directed toward the research.

4. Discuss ONE example of subsequent research in this area OR recent applications of this study.

5. What did you learn? Did this study challenge any of your previous beliefs about psychology? Explain.