

AP PSYCHOLOGY – SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

Article Analysis – Read (4) of the seven articles listed below on the theme of teens. After reading each article, you will analyze the article and answer the guided review questions. The questions must be answered in complete sentences for each of the four articles. The answers for each article must be submitted on a separate sheet of paper with the name of the journal, title of the article, author, and the publication date included at the top of the page.

1. The Teenage Brain: Spock vs. Captain Kirk (NPR Ed. Mar.11, 2015)
<http://www.npr.org/sections/ed/2015/03/11/391864852/the-teenage-brain-spock-vs-captain-kirk>
2. Peer Pressure: Its Influence on Teens and Decision Making (Scholastic, 2008)
<http://headsup.scholastic.com/students/peer-pressure-its-influence-on-teens-and-decision-making>
3. Why the Teen Brain is Drawn to Risk (Time, Oct. 8, 2012)
<http://healthland.time.com/2012/10/02/why-the-teen-brain-is-drawn-to-risk/>
4. Teens and Risky Behavior: More Complicated than it seems? (Los Angeles Times, Oct. 2, 2012)
<https://www.latimes.com/health/la-xpm-2012-oct-02-la-heb-teens-risk-averse-20121001-story.html>
5. What Makes Teens Tick (Time, May 10, 2004)
<https://deathpenaltyinfo.org/resources/publications-and-testimony/articles/what-makes-teens-tick>
6. Good Parents, Bad Results (U.S. News & World Report, June 12, 2008)
<http://health.usnews.com/health-news/family-health/living-well/articles/2008/06/12/good-parents-bad-results>
7. Why Adolescents Make Riskier Choices When With Their Peers (Psychology Today, January 31, 2020)
<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/thoughts-and-feelings/202001/why-adolescents-make-riskier-choices-when-their-peers>

Guided Review Questions: For each article you read, please answer the following questions. Each of your responses should be thoughtful and thorough.

1. What does the author attribute to risky/bad teenage behavior? Please explain your answer in detail.
2. Does the author use research to support their claims about where risky/bad teenage behavior comes from? If so describe the research. If not, do you believe that the information in the article is reliable or valid? Why or why not?
3. Do you agree with the author's opinion where risky/bad teenage behavior comes from? Explain why or why not.

As you construct your responses, keep the following in mind:

- All work should be typed in Times New Roman size 12 and double spaced.
- Make sure to write in complete sentences.
- The answers to the questions should be in your own words.
- Do not plagiarize.