Unit 1 Project:   
Psychological Perspectives Roundtable

**Purpose**: Through this assignment, you will gain a deeper understanding of the six major schools of thought in psychology, the assumptions behind each school of thought, and the ways in which they both complement one another and conflict with one another.

**Description**: You will become an expert on one of the six psychological schools of thought. You will work in groups to research the history, philosophical assumptions, limitations, and applications of your assigned perspective. You will write a one page summary (double spaced) of your research. One the day of the roundtable discussion (January 31) you will be grouped with five other individuals, one from each of the other schools of thought. As a group, you will discuss and debate various questions and dilemmas in the field of psychology. It is important to remember that for the sake of this activity, you are researching the school of thought you researched, not your own personal opinions. (There will be time to express your opinion later)

***The psychological school of thought you will be studying is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

**Criteria for success:**

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| **Written Summary** | **Roundtable Discussion** |
| * One page, double spaced * APA Format * Works cited with at least one journal article and one other source * Includes the following elements:   + Description of the early history and philosophical assumptions of your school of thought   + Analysis of major criticisms of your school of thought   + Practical applications of your school of thought (with specific examples) | * Active participation in the discussion * Fair, accurate, and responsible representation of your school of thought * Ability to respond to question posed to your specific school of thought * Use of specific examples to support claims * Demonstration of understanding of the assumptions behind your school of thought * Active listening (including taking notes) |

**Points Possible: \***

Written Summary 15 points  
Roundtable Discussion 10 Points

*Total 25 points (Labs, Projects, and Essays category)*

**\*While this is a group project, you will turn in an individual written summary, and you will receive an individual grade\***

**Due Date**: *(for both the written summary and the roundtable discussion)*  
Monday, January 31

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Psychological Perspectives Roundtable**

*Use the table below to record notes on each of the six psychological schools of thought during your roundtable discussion*

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| **School of Thought** | **Major assumptions about human nature** | **Disagrees most with which perspective? Why?** | **Practical Applications** |
| *Cognitive Psychology* |  |  |  |
| *Behavioral Psychology* |  |  |  |
| *Psychodynamic Psychology* |  |  |  |

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| **School of Thought** | **Major assumptions about human nature** | **Disagrees most with which perspective? Why?** | **Practical Applications** |
| *Humanistic Psychology* |  |  |  |
| *Socio-Cultural Psychology* |  |  |  |
| *Biological Psychology* |  |  |  |