

Study Questions for Chapter 1

- ~ Define psychology and distinguish between the mind and behavior.
- ~ Distinguish between nativism and philosophical empiricism and identify an ancient Greek philosopher associated with each philosophical view.
- ~ Summarize the contributions of René Descartes, Thomas Hobbes, Franz Gall, and Paul Broca to the early development of the science of psychology.
- ~ Explain how the study of physiology contributed to the development of psychology, noting especially the work of Helmholtz on reaction time.
- ~ Define structuralism vs. functionalism.
- ~ Discuss the development of Freud's psychoanalytic theory and how it formed the basis for psychoanalysis.
- ~ Contrast psychoanalytic theory with the humanistic psychology introduced by Maslow and Rogers.
- ~ Describe the basic tenets of behaviorism, focusing on its insistence on studying objectively observable behavior.
- ~ Define Gestalt psychology and give an example of how research on illusions led to its development.
- ~ Define behavioral neuroscience and cognitive neuroscience, and note some of the techniques these approaches use to studying the mind and behavior.
- ~ Explain how Darwin's ideas about evolution can be applied to psychology.
- ~ Compare social psychology and cultural psychology, and describe some of the areas studied by each approach.