

## **Anne Anastasi - Indeterminate**

You were born in New York, daughter of Italian immigrants, in 1908. Your father died when you were 1, after which your mother was alienated from your father's family. Since your mother had to work, you were raised primarily by your maternal grandmother and your uncle. You were home-schooled until the age of 9. As a teenager, you became interested in mathematics, teaching yourself advanced trigonometry. At 13, you dropped out of high school and enrolled in Rhodes Preparatory School, whose primary mission is to train adults who needed basic education to get accepted in college. After two years at Rhodes, you were accepted at Barnard College at the age of 15.

At Barnard, you were deeply influenced by Harry Hollingworth, chair of the Psychology department, as well as the work of Charles Spearman, an English statistician and psychologist who demonstrated that scores on most tests of mental abilities were correlated with one another, suggesting that there was a single general source of intelligence (see Spearman (1904)). You graduated from Barnard at 4 years later at 19, and were granted a Ph.D. By Columbia *one year later* in 1929.

### **Game Objectives:**

Run for vice president in 1973, or until you get elected. Your expertise in statistics and understanding variability may come in very handy in the discussion of the 'normality' of sexual behavior. You may wish to present paper on the topic in 1972 or 1973.

If you are elected to a leadership position, it will be important to leave a legacy that can assist other women in the attainment of positions of such stature. At the same time, you are crucially aware of the lack of serious research in either the psychological or psychiatric communities on the minds of women. Where women have been separated out for special study, the work is poor and misogynistic. As president, then, you will be keenly interested in establishing institutional infrastructure that will both advance the study of women in a non-misogynistic way and provide leadership opportunities for future women in the discipline.

Notice that the official documents of the APA, as included in the game book, are written in gender-specific language: I.B states "a nonmember of the APA may read a paper provided that *he* is sponsored...". The implication here is, of course, that a female nonmember is *not* allowed to present. As this document is an official representation of the policies of the APA, it should be clarified to reflect the policies of the organization.

### **Must Read**

Anastasi, A. (1972) "The cultivation of diversity" *American Psychologist* 27(12), 1091-1099  
I only have the abstract currently

Anne Anastasi, the 'Test Guru' of Psychology, Is Dead at 92, NY Times  
By ERICA GOODE  
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Spearman, C. (1904) "'GENERAL INTELLIGENCE,' OBJECTIVELY DETERMINED AND MEASURED' *American Journal of Psychology* 15, 201-293 Available on Psych Classics:  
<http://psychclassics.yorku.ca/Spearman/>