

Essential Question: Who were the major historical figures in Psychology and what was the contribution of each?

Objective: Students will gain a better understanding of the contributions of key people to the study of Psychology by performing research and taking on the role of a psychologist in a speed dating simulation.

Task: You are to research your randomly assigned psychologist using the guide below (#1). You will then come to class on Tuesday, September 6th prepared to take on the role of the person you researched. You will be asked to circulate around the room in a “speed dating” type simulation, meeting one historical psychologist at a time for 3-4 minutes each. After the activity, we will have a discussion and you will answer some closing questions.

Bring with you to class:

1. A notecard (or notecard size paper) with the essential information from your research. The psychologist’s name, details of their research and/or importance, what school of thought (cognitive, behaviorist, psychoanalytic) if appropriate, etc. Basically, its a cheat-sheet to ensure you cover all the relevant information and correctly represent yourself.
2. A prop of some kind to represent your research. For example, Phil Zimbardo who did the prison study (among many others) could bring a guy behind bars (made out of clay, a picture, a drawing) For Pavlov a stuffed dog with a jingle bell, etc.... Be creative.

The psychologists who will be researched all had a hand in developing psychology into a respected science. They are:

Mary Whiton Calkins

Charles Darwin

Dorothea Dix

Sigmund Freud

G. Stanley Hall

William James

Ivan Pavlov

Jean Piaget

Carl Rogers

B. F. Skinner

Margaret Floy Washburn

John B. Watson

Wilhelm Wundt