

History/Social Studies Curriculum Resource Update

Title: *Myers' Psychology for the AP® Course, 4th Edition*

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Genre: Textbook (informational text)

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Summary: *Myers' Psychology for the AP® Course* (4th Edition, 2024) is a comprehensive textbook tailored for the Advanced Placement (AP) Psychology curriculum. This edition aligns closely with the latest AP® course framework.

Notable Updates in the Fourth Edition:

- **Alignment with the New Course Framework:** The textbook is updated to reflect the latest AP® Psychology Course and Exam Description.
- **Introduction of Unit 0:** A new introductory unit focuses on foundational skills essential to psychological science, covering research methods and data interpretation.
- **Enhanced AP® Skills Development:** The authors have integrated new features aimed at developing skills necessary for success in AP® Psychology, such as critical thinking and application of psychological concepts.

Highlights from review team: This textbook is an updated version of a previously adopted textbook for AP Psychology with enhanced features that align to the new AP® course framework.

Awards and Recommendations: As of now, there is no publicly available information regarding specific awards received by *Myers' Psychology for the AP® Course* (4th Edition, 2024). However, the textbook has garnered positive feedback from educators and students. On Amazon, it holds a rating of 4.0 out of 5 stars based on 9 reviews, with users highlighting its comprehensive coverage and alignment with the AP® curriculum. Similarly, on Goodreads, the textbook has received favorable reviews, reflecting its effectiveness in preparing students for the AP® Psychology exam. These positive reviews and the textbook's widespread adoption in AP® Psychology courses underscore its reputation as a valuable resource for both teaching and learning in the field of psychology.

Recommended Age(s): *Myers' Psychology for the AP® Course* (4th Edition, 2024) is designed for high school students taking the AP® Psychology course, typically in **grades 10–12**. The recommended age range is **15–18 years old**, as it aligns with the Advanced Placement curriculum, which is meant to prepare students for college-level coursework.

Recommended purpose: Update to the newest edition (4th edition) of *Myers' Psychology for the AP® Course*.

The review of the resource using the IIAA-F2 Form (scored 0-4) is included below:

Category	Score
<i>Educational suitability and age appropriateness as related to accuracy of subject matter</i>	4
<i>Timeliness</i>	4
<i>Quality of writing/production</i>	4
<i>Readability</i>	4
<i>Authoritativeness reputation and significance of the author/artist, composer/producer etc.</i>	4
<i>Supplemental sources</i>	4
<i>Favorable recommendation based on preview and examination of resource by professional personnel</i>	4
<i>Favorable reviews found in standard selection sources</i>	4
<i>High degree of potential user appeal</i>	4
<i>Sexually explicit content</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Does the resource contain any sexually explicit content as defined in Virginia Code §2.2-2827? No.</i> ● <i>Does the resource contain nudity as defined in Virginia Code §18.2-390? No.</i> ● <i>Does the resource contain sadomasochistic abuse as defined in Virginia Code §18.2-390? No.</i> 	

Recommendation:

Given this review, the Office of Instruction recommends approving this updated textbook for purchase in all division AP Psychology courses.