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Research Psychology

Summer Assignment

The goal of this summer assignment is to highlight the importance of research in psychology. The book *50 Great Myths of Popular Psychology* by Scott Lilienfeld, et al, features ideas that are commonly circulated in our culture as “fact” that are actually unfounded. You are to read the introduction section, the postscript section, and any **30** of the 50 “myths.” You are welcome to read the entire text; however, some of the concepts relate to potentially sensitive issues. You are encouraged to avoid any of myths that pertain to topics that you find uncomfortable.

In addition to reading the text, please answer the following questions.

1. List (by number is fine), the myths that you read.

For example, “I read myth numbers 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 16, …” This part doesn’t need to be long. Just identify which myths you read.

1. List the 10 common origins of these myths and briefly describe each origin in your own words.

Example: Word of mouth

1. Connect each of the 10 common origins (from #2) to one of the myths that you read. For example, you might say that “word of mouth” is one of the reasons that people believe that you should stick with your initial hunch if you are unsure of your answer to a test question (myth #16). You may be able to tie multiple common origins to a particular myth. The goal is just to connect each common origin with at least one myth.
2. Which five myths did you find the most interesting or surprising? Please explain your thoughts for each myth that you select.

Please type your responses and upload them to the dropbox on Canvas by August 22nd. Bring your book with you to the first fall meeting of our class, which is *typically* the 2nd week of school.