



Getting Ahead – Pre-course Work

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Psychology A level

Welcome to **Psychology**. In preparation for the start of the course, please complete these tasks and have them with you to hand in during your first week of college in September.

These tasks should take you approximately four and a half hours to complete and are designed to give you an introduction to the subject, and the expectations we have for you to complete at least four and a half hours of independent study, per subject, per week.

Task 1: – Research and summarise the **case of Kitty Genovese**

Task 2: – Read **Piliavin et al. (1969) study** into helping behaviour



Scan the QR for the original article of the study

Task 2: – Make a **mind map** summarising the study



Scan the QR for the Tutor2U summary of the study

You could include the following on your mind map:

- Aim of the study
- Who were the participants (the people being observed)
- Location of the study
- Procedure
- Findings

Task 3: – At the back of your mind map, add the **strengths and weaknesses of the study**

Consider the following evaluation points:

- Could the participants have been harmed or distressed? If so, why?



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- Are there any ethical issues with observing people on public transport?
- Why was it good that the study was on the New York subway?
- Why was it a problem that the study was only conducted in New York?
- Was the study controlled? If so, how? And why would that be good?
- Could the findings of the study be useful? If so, why?

Task 4: – Research the meaning of the '**Bystander Effect**' and watch the following 3-minute YouTube video on it



Getting Equipped

You will need the following:

- The work you have completed
- A notepad
- Stationery (including a pen and a highlighter)
- A folder