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Unit 1	NA	Approaches to Psychology	Why do we study Psychology? Scientific Method	Unit 1 Test	Textbook		
Unit 2	NA	Developmental Psychology: Infancy and Childhood	Explain Human Growth Investigate the development of the brain Examine infant and child milestones	Unit 2 Test	Textbook, Developmental Handouts		
Unit 3	NA	Developmental Psychology: Adolescence	Investigate the development of the brain Explain how adolescence affects our behavior	Unit 3 Test	Textbook, Developmental Handouts		
Unit 4	NA	Nervous System and the Brain	The Physical Structure of the Brain The Physical Structure of the Nervous System. How neuronal messages are sent to and from the brain.	Unit 4 Test	Textbook, Brain Diagrams, Nervous System Video		
Unit 5	NA	Altered States of Consciousness	Examine different states of consciousness. Investigate the need for sleep and its effects on the brain.	Unit 5 Test	Textbook, Meditation Experiment Handout		
Unit 6	NA	Learning	Concept of Operant Conditioning Concept of Classical Conditioning Examine solving the problem between nature vs. nurture.	Unit 6 Test	Textbook, Learning Experiment Handout		
Unit 7	NA	Memory and Thought	Examine the three different kinds of memory Explain the process of memory The Reasons for forgetting Experimentation on memory using the	Unit 7 Test	Textbook, Eyewitness Testimony Activity Memory Video		

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Unit 8	NA	Thinking and Language	Investigate Cognitive Processes Explain how language develops in our early years Examine language milestones	Unit 8 Test	Textbook, Language Handout			
Unit 9	NA	Motivation and Emotion	Concepts of Emotion Intrinsic and extrinsic motivations	Unit 9 Test	Textbook			
Unit 10	NA	Personality Theory	Investigate the many different theories of personality Organize all of the personality theories Research and write about a theory of personality	Unit 10 Test	Textbook, Personality Theory Project Handout			

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