

## A Level Psychology Summer Holiday Task 1

In 1971 Phillip Zimbardo carried out one of the most important studies in the history of psychology. Your task over the summer is to research this study and summarise the study. Bring this to your first psychology lesson. Use this link to the official website for the study to gather your information:



<http://www.prisonexp.org/>

Summarise the study by answering the following questions:

**Aim** (what were the researchers looking to find out?)

**Method** (how was the study carried out?)

**Results** (what did they find?)

**Conclusion** (what does the study show/suggest about human behaviour?)

**Evaluation** (are there any strengths or weaknesses of the study?)



Want to know more?

Watch 'The Experiment' film, which is based on Zimbardo's original study. (WARNING – strong violence)



Watch this Ted Talk by Phillip Zimbardo 'On the Psychology of Evil'.

[https://www.ted.com/talks/philip\\_zimbardo\\_on\\_the\\_psychology\\_of\\_evil](https://www.ted.com/talks/philip_zimbardo_on_the_psychology_of_evil)



Read this interesting article on the lasting effects of Zimbardo's study

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-14564182>

## **Summer Holiday Task 2**

Watch this video and answer the following questions.

### **Rosenhan's Experiment - Being Sane in Insane Places**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D8OxdGV\\_7Io](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D8OxdGV_7Io)

1. What was the anti-psychiatry movement?
2. What did R.D. Laing suggest about mental illness?
3. Rosenhan wanted to test the reliability of psychiatric diagnosis. How did he do this?
4. How many participants did he recruit?
5. How did the participants prepare for their 'roles'?
6. How many hospitals did they use?
7. What symptom did the pseudo patients describe?

8. What happened?

9. What method was used in this experiment?

**Challenge Question** - *What conclusions could we draw from this study about the validity/reliability of diagnosis of mental illness such as schizophrenia?*

**It is essential that you demonstrate your commitment to your A level studies in psychology by completing BOTH of these tasks on time, and to a high standard.**