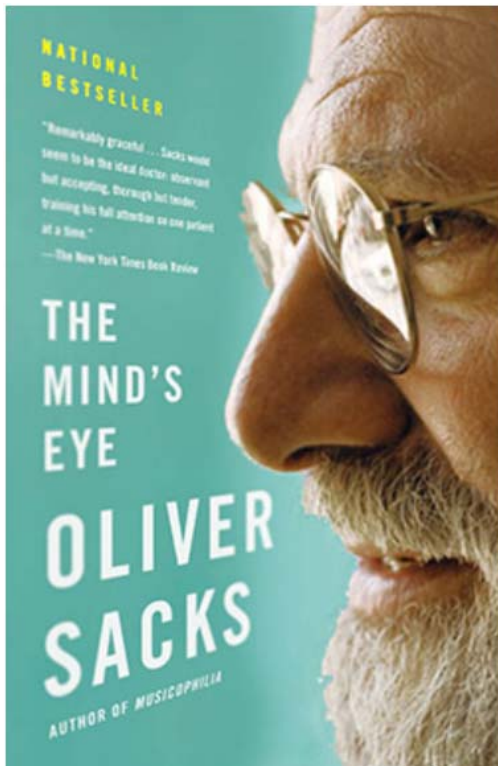


Advanced Placement Psychology Summer Reading 2018



The Mind's Eye

By Oliver Sacks

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Welcome to A.P. Psychology! This summer, you are expected to read a book that will serve as an introduction to our survey of psychology.

The required reading for A.P. Psychology is Oliver Sacks *The Mind's Eye*. From Dr. Sacks website "In *The Mind's Eye*, Oliver Sacks tells the stories of people who are able to navigate the world and communicate with others despite losing what many of us consider indispensable senses and abilities: the power of speech, the capacity to recognize faces, the sense of three-dimensional space, the ability to read, the sense of sight. For all of these people, the challenge is to adapt to a radically new way of being in the world.

Sacks explores some very strange paradoxes—people who can see perfectly well but not recognize their own children, blind people who become hyper-visual, or who navigate by “tongue vision.” Along the way, he considers more fundamental questions: How do we see? How do we think? How important is internal imagery—or vision, for that matter? Why is it that, although writing is only 5000 years old, humans have a universal, seemingly innate, potential for reading?

The Mind's Eye is a testament to the complexity of vision and the brain and to the power of creativity and adaptation. And it provides a whole new perspective on the power of language and communication, as we try to imagine what it is to see with another person's eyes, or another person's mind.”

It is expected that all A.P. Psychology students will **read and annotate** *THE MIND'S EYE* over the summer. **Please have the book with you on the first day of class and be ready for a discussion.** Plan to take a multiple choice and written evaluation by the end of the first week.

Should you have questions regarding the class or the summer reading you may contact Ms. Rodgers (rodgerst@nths.net), Ms. Jerutis (jerutiss@nths.net), or Mr. Atwell (atwellj@nths.net).

Sacks, O. (2010). *The mind's eye*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf.