

## NHD in Psychology

*Society plays a huge role in normalizing behaviors. We know this through experimental and cultural studies. For your NHD project, you will investigate an event in history that transformed the field of psychology in terms of what we know about humanity.*

Your project must:

- Include a detailed explanation of what happened.
- Evaluate the research questions below, as it relates to your topic:
  - Why did people behave the way they did? What pressures seemed to influence them? And in what ways were they “forced” to conform?
  - What historical evidence (sources, images, speeches, film, recordings) do we have to prove the above?
  - In what ways does this relate to the annual theme?
- Build a project or performance.

You may choose from one of the topics below and use information available at [www.kbeckert.weebly.com/nhd-in-psychology.html](http://www.kbeckert.weebly.com/nhd-in-psychology.html)

### FAMOUS PSYCHOLOGISTS

Carl Rogers (counseling)  
Abraham Maslow (human needs)  
Alfred Binet (intelligence testing)  
Howard Gardner (multiple intelligence)  
Bloom (hierarchy of learning)

**Andrew Jackson:** Hero or Sociopath?

**Sigmund Freud** and the Exploration of the Human Psyche through Psychoanalysis

Broca, Mustard Seeds, and Bearings: The Dangers of Subconscious Bias in Scientific Experiments

Pseudoscience and **Phrenology**: How Behavior is Affected by the Physiology of the Brain, not the Skull

Industrialization and the Creation of Adolescence: How American Labor Shortages Created a Myth

Pigeons Can Fly (Airplanes): **B.F. Skinner** and the Exploration of Human Behavior through Experimentation

Studies of Homosexuality (Freud, Havelock, Ellis, Alfred Kinsey, The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual)

The legacy of the Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment

PETA and the Campaign to Protect Animals and/or Harlow’s Experiments with Monkeys

### CULTS

Heaven’s Gate  
Branch Davidians  
People’s Temple

### FAMOUS CONFORMITY EXPERIMENTS

Harlow’s experiments with monkeys and attachment  
Stanley Milligram conformity experiment  
Stanford prison experiment

### CONFORMITY IN MEDICAL FIELD

Walter Freeman Lobotomy, conformity of the medical field  
Nazi doctors who violated ethics when experimenting on Poles

### CONFORMITY IN WAR

Samar pacification during the Philippine-American War  
Mai Lai massacre committed by the US during the Vietnam War  
Abu Ghraib prison crimes during the War in Iraq

### **Non-History Students**

The project will be in the NHD format of your choice: Documentary, Exhibit, Paper, Performance, or Website. More on this later.

### **History Students**

You will write a one-page single-spaced report on the psychology related to your topic. The report will explain the specific psychological concepts present in your topic and the effect those concepts had on the events and issues that took place.