AP Psychology Summer Assignment

Welcome to AP Psychology. Your Summer Assignment requires on-line access and/or library resources. If you cannot access the internet from home, all public libraries in Hamilton County have numerous computers for public use. Answer the following questions in short-essay format *** (3-7 sentences, depending on the complexity of the subject) in your own words. There are many online sources you can use; just be sure they are academic/scholarly in nature. This assignment may appear overwhelming at first glance, but it is actually fairly easy and brief. The assignment also addresses some of the major researchers, theories and concepts we will study in the coming year, so it will prove useful to you.

***This assignment must be hand written, in pen, and will be due the second day of class. It will be your first test grade.

I. What is psychology? Elaborate beyond a “textbook” definition.

II. Identify all 30 of the following important figures in psychology and describe their most significant contributions:

Albert Bandura  
Abraham Maslow  
Carl Rogers  
Howard Gardner  
Erik Erikson  
Ivan Pavlov  
Sigmund Freud  
William James  
B.F. Skinner  
Jean Piaget  
Wilhelm Wundt  
Philip Zimbardo  
John Watson  
Lawrence Kohlberg  
Stanley Milgrim  
Harry Harlow  
Mary Ainsworth  
Alfred Binet  
Elizabeth Loftus  
Noam Chomsky  
Solomon Asch  
Charles Darwin  
Francis Bacon  
John Locke  
Max Worthheimer  
Carol Gilligan  
George Sperling  
Plato  
Aristotle  
Hubel and Weisel

III. Describe, Explain, and give an example of the Nature versus Nurture debate.