Psychology for the IB Diploma

Recommended Resources: Chapter 5

Suggestions for further reading to extend and deepen knowledge, and to add context.

You are urged to preview recommended sources and judge their suitability for your own classroom use.

Publications

Fail, H., Thompson, J., & Walker, G. (2004). Belonging, Identity and Third Culture Kids: Life histories of former international school students. *Journal of Research in International Education*; 3(3): 319–38.

Linking to social identity theory, this is a study with which many international IB students will identify, being third culture kids themselves or knowing people who are.

Lalich, J. (2004) Bounded Choice: True believers and charismatic cults. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.

The author puts forward the argument that being attracted to extremist movements and cults can be consistent with a person's higher aspirations. An enjoyable and informative read. This video provides an interview with the author.

Steele, C. M., & Aronson, J. (1995). Stereotype threat and the intellectual test performance of African Americans. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*; 69(5): 797–811.

This study supports the coursebook material on social cognition, especially stereotyping.

Websites

IB Psychology InThinking subject sites

A paid subscription is required to view most of the materials on this site, which is constantly revised and updated.

This contains excellent, lively, up-to-date material specifically for IB requirements. The HL-only section on globalisation in the 'New curriculum textbook' considerably extends the material in the coursebook. The pages covering understanding conformity (extending the work of Asch), enculturation library analysis and, for HL students, globalisation of eating disorders (also useful for abnormal psychology) are especially recommended for increasing the scope and depth of the content of the coursebook material.

Psychlotron

A comprehensive website for studying psychology at this level, with recommended material on social identity theory and social cognition. This site tends to specialise in presentations and worksheets. The worksheets Factors affecting conformity and Analysing conformity are recommended.

The Psychologist

A regularly updated site from The British Psychological Society. It includes, for example, a study on how multicultural experiences shape people: A broad experience.