AP Psychology – Keefe Tech – T. Cummings

Unit 1 – Research Methods & Statistics (Scientific Foundations)

**Do Now – Operational Definitions**

An ‘**operational definition**’ is a precise and measurable description of a concept or task, such as that separate observers could each use it and reach reasonable agreement as to whether that concept or task is in operation.

Develop an operational definition of each of the following, by first *brainstorming* ideas, then paring that brainstorm list down in order to develop a checklist of measurable *characteristics* of each concept.

Assume that at least three observers in a classroom would use this as a “scoring rubric for participation, and that the goal is to achieve very high ***inter-rater reliability****.*

* Class participation
* Effective teaching
* Pretty
* Funny
* Happy
* Extroverted
* Poverty