

## A Timeline of Historical Events in the Development of Educational Psychology

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
400 B.C.	Plato & Aristotle lay the philosophical foundation for psychology.
1541 AD.	Juan Vives publishes <i>De Tradendis Disciplinis</i> (first major book on psychology).
1690	John Locke publishes <u>Essay Concerning Human Understanding</u> (laid the philosophical foundation for <i>empiricism</i> ).
1802	Johan Pestalozzi publishes <u>How Gertrude Teaches Her Children</u> (concerning the psychology of elementary education).
1824	Johann Herbart publishes <u>Psychology as a Science</u> .
1839	First “educational psychology” course offered in America: “ <i>Mental Philosophy</i> ” (Lexington, MA).
1873	First public school kindergarten in the U.S. founded (in St. Louis, MO).
1875	William. James establishes psychology laboratory at Harvard University.
1878	G.Stanley Hall receives first psychology Ph.D. in U.S. at Harvard.
1879	Wilhelm Wundt establishes psychology laboratory at U. of Leipzig (Germany).
1883	Beginning of <i>child study movement</i> in U.S., founded by G.S. Hall.
1886	First textbook on “educational psychology” published by Louisa Hopkins.
1888	James M. Cattell becomes first psychology professor in U.S. at University of Pennsylvania.
1888	Teachers College, Columbia University, established.
1891	William. James’ <u>Principles of Psychology</u> published.
1892	G.S. Hall and others establish the American Psychological Association. Hall serves as first president of APA.
1894	John Dewey moves to University of Chicago; begins major period of psychological (primarily theoretical) work.
1895	National Herbart Society founded (later, renamed the <i>National Society for the Scientific Study of Education</i> ).

1897 First empirical study on school learning published (by J. Rice on relationship between time on task and learning, ie., spelling achievement).

### Developments in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century

1903 Edward L. Thorndike publishes first edition of Educational Psychology.

1905 First Binet IQ test published in Europe.

1908 E.B. Huey publishes The Psychology and Pedagogy of Reading.

1910 The first issues of the Journal of Educational Psychology is published.

1912 Achievement tests are first used on a large scale in New York City.

1916 Lewis Terman translates the Binet IQ test, publishing it as the *Stanford-Binet IQ Test*.

1917-18 First large scale IQ testing of American adults (army conscripts in WWI).

1920s-30s William S. Gray and colleagues at the University of Chicago publish numerous studies on reading behavior and achievement.

1947 Educational Testing Service (ETS) is founded.

1948 APA Division 15 (Educational Psychology) committee report reaffirms the role of educational psychology as a “middleman” between the art of teaching and the science of psychology.

1956 Benjamin Bloom’s Taxonomy of Educational Objectives is published.

1960 Center for Cognitive Studies founded at Harvard University; cognitive perspectives beginning to overshadow behaviorism in American psychology.

1963 Campbell & Stanley publish The Design of Experiments.

John Flavell publishes The Developmental Psychology of Jean Piaget. Piaget’s work receives widespread attention among American educators.

1968 David Ausubel publishes textbook, Educational Psychology: A Cognitive View, confirming the influence of cognitive perspectives within the field.

1970 First meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Minneapolis.

1984 First issue of Cognition and Instruction is published.

1989 First issue of Educational Psychology Review is published.

1996 D. Berliner & R. Calfee publish the Handbook of Educational Psychology.