

### Possible Class and Research Paper Topics:

- Acupuncture
- Astology
- Biorhythms
- Body memories
- Body-typing and personality
- Chiropractic
- Collective delusions and mass hysteria
- Conspiracy theories
- Controversial psychological diagnoses
- Cryptozoology (e.g., Loch Ness Monster, Big Foot)
- Crystal ball and tarot card reading
- Déjà vu experiences
- Dowsing
- EMDR therapy
- ESP in animals
- ESP in twins
- Eyewitness memory and its accuracy
- Facilitated communication
- Faith healing
- Fire walking
- Glossolalia (speaking in tongues)
- Ghosts, poltergeists
- Homeopathy
- Hypnosis
- Iridology
- Jung's theory of archetypes and the collective unconscious
- Kirlian auras
- Lie detector tests
- Media coverage of pseudoscience and antiscience
- Mental imagery and related techniques for improving sports performance
- Mesmerism and its history
- Motivational specialists (e.g., Tony Robbins)
- The "Mozart effect"
- Near-death experiences
- N-Rays
- Numerology / Kabalarian name analysis
- Personality, social, and cognitive variables associated with superstition & paranormal belief Phrenology
- Placebo effects and their implications for pseudoscientific treatments
- Plant perception
- Psychokinesis
- Psychological explanations for UFO sightings and abduction experiences
- Pyramid power
- Rebirthing therapies
- Recovered and false memories

### Consider also- history of scientific method

- Hoaxes and self-deception in science
- How have scientific disputes been settled in the past (science studies)?
- Historical scientific controversies
- Science at the frontier (quantum physics, consciousness, origin of life, AI)
- Social considerations in science

- “Noble Savage” hypothesis
- “Blank Slate” hypothesis
- “Ghost in the machine” hypothesis
- Scientific ethics
- Impact of science on society, politics
- Public perception of science