**Chapter 1**

**What is Perception?**

Assignment 1

Here is an opening class assignment to have students come to grips with their assumptions for how sensation and perception work. Have students write their answers and then share with the class or put them on a discussion board, if possible, before the first day of class. Choose one or the other question to use. It might be fun to have the students do the assignment again at the end of the term and then share their earlier responses with them.

* What is your understanding of how your senses work? How do you see, hear, feel, etc?
* How many senses do you have? What are they?
* Why is this topic covered in psychology?

Assignment 2

Ask students to complete the following exercise:

* Follow the instructions for Aristotle’s Illusion from [ISLE 1.5](http://isle.hanover.edu/Ch01Intro/Ch01Aristotle.html).
* Describe your experience (either for a forum or other method of write-up).
* Why do you think this illusion occurs?