Critical Thinking Questions (CTQs)
PSYC 1B: Biological Psychology
Tu, Th 11:20-12:40 p.m. (10478)—SS 210
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Review the 6 steps to writing strong CTQ answers on the syllabus and the CTQ Example Answer on my website in order to maximize the quality of your CTQ answers. The best CTQ answers are usually (1) a third of a page or longer, (2) detailed, (3) directly and specifically answer the CTQ, and (4) include what you think (not just what the book says). Use your own words as much as possible when typing your answers (don't just quote from the textbook), and when examples are asked for or necessary, give ones that you made up (not the ones in the textbook). Don't repeat the CTQ—just give the answer only.

Chapter 1:  There is much ethical debate about the use of animals in research. Are you for or against using animals in research?—if for, why? If against, why?

Chapter 2:  What is the purpose of the blood-brain barrier, and what things could happen if it fails to do its job? What difficulties does the blood-brain barrier pose?

Chapter 3:  What are the differences and similarities between Type I and Type II alcoholism? What are the risk factors for alcoholism?

Chapter 4:  A man jumps in front of you with a gun demanding all of your money now! Which part of the autonomic nervous system comes into action and why? Once the threat passes, what other part of the autonomic nervous system takes over, and what does it do?

Chapter 5:  What is phantom limb, and what causes it? What seems to reduce or eliminate phantom limb pain sensations?

Chapter 6:  Describe visual agnosia and prosopagnosia. If you had to be afflicted with one of these problems, which would it be and why?