Social Psychology Worksheet

Vocabulary: Define and give an example of the following terms.

**Attribution Theory:** Theory that we tend to explain the behavior of others as an aspect of either a result of internal disposition or a particular situation.

A person lies because they are a pathological liar (disposition) vs they don’t want their friend to know that other people were saying bad things about them (situation).

**Fundamental Attribution Error:** __________________________________________________________________________

Example: __________________________________________________________________________

**Central Route Persuasion:** __________________________________________________________________________

Example: __________________________________________________________________________

**Peripheral Route Persuasion:** __________________________________________________________________________

Example: __________________________________________________________________________

**Foot-in-the-Door Phenomenon:** __________________________________________________________________________

Example: __________________________________________________________________________
Cognitive Dissonance: In the space below explain cognitive dissonance and give an example of what cognitive dissonance looks like.

Leon Festinger (1919 – 1989) was an American social psychologist who studied at the University of Iowa, graduating in 1941. He is best known for his cognitive dissonance and social comparison theory. He was recently recognized as the fifth most influential psychologist of the 20th century.

Stanford Prison Experiment (August 1971): In the space below 1) explain the se-up of the Stanford Prison Experiment. Be sure to include how people were recruited and how they made their roles as realistic as possible. 2) Why did they have to discontinue the experiment? 3) Explain how the results of the experiment favor “situational attribution” of behavior rather than “dispositional attribution.”