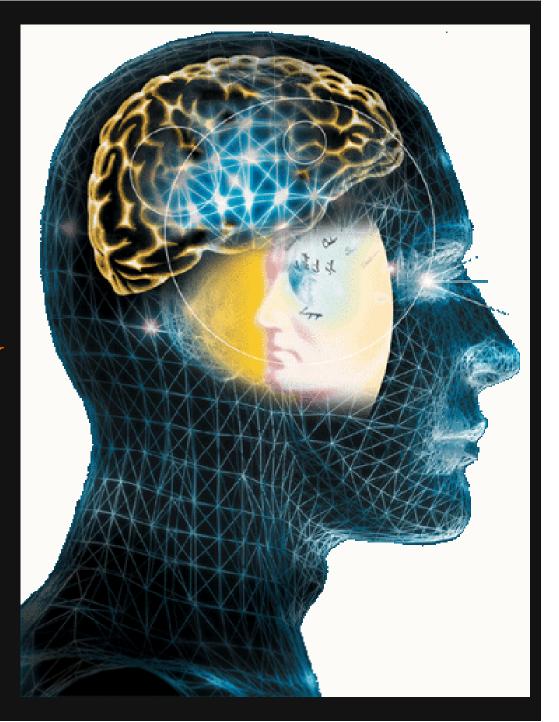
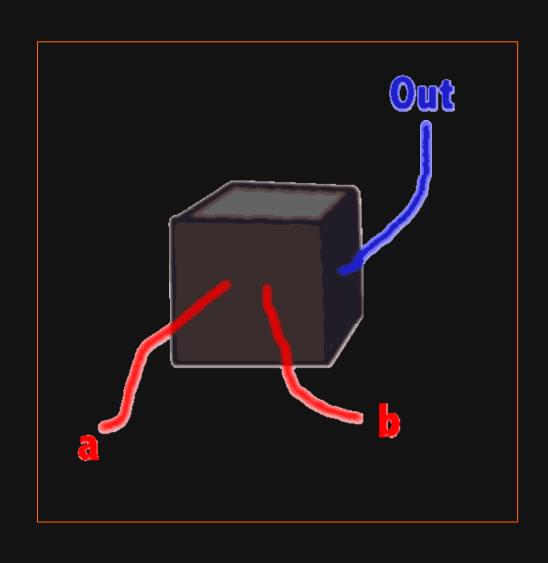
# COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY



#### What is in the "Black Box"?



## What is Cognitive Psychology?

Studies cognition ©

## What is Cognition?

- Studies knowledge:
  - acquire
  - organize
  - use

- Involves:
  - sensation
  - perception
  - attention
  - memory
  - language
  - reasoning
  - problem solving
  - decision making



#### The Origins of Cognitive Psychology

- Quite young discipline
- Did not emerge until the late 1800s
- A reaction to Behaviorism

# Important Figures in the History of Cognitive Psychology

- Wilhelm Wundt
- Hermann Ebbinghaus
- William James
- The Gestalt Approach
- Frederick C. Bartlett

#### Wilhelm Wundt

- Opening of his lab in Leipzig marks the beginning of Psychology
- Method of introspection
- Replication



#### Hermann Ebbinghaus

- Beginning of memory research
- Non-sense syllables
- High control of material and environment



#### William James

- He emphasized the importance of looking at real life experiences
- Principles of Psychology
  - In which he explains several cognitive processes and phenomena

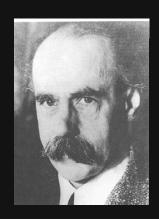


# The Gestalt Approach



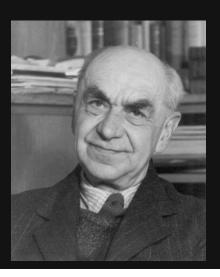
Whole is greater than the sum of its parts

- Emphasis on context and organization
- *Insight* in problem solving



#### Frederick C. Bartlett

- Important figure in memory research
- He rejected the idea of careful control and encouraged using *meaningful material*
- Role of schema's in memory errors



### Emergence of Modern Cognitive Psychology (1950s)

• The cognitive revolution

Research on language

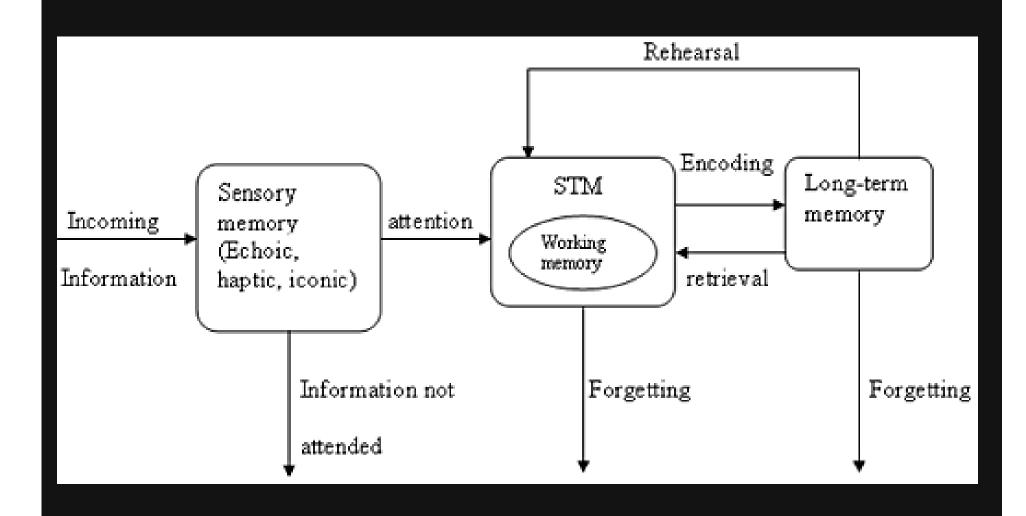
Research on memory

#### The Information Processing Approach

Computer analogy

• The Atkinson-Shiffrin Model

#### The Atkinson-Shiffrin Model



## Cognitive Science

- Understand human mind and behavior
  - Psychology
  - Linguistics
  - Philosophy
  - Computer Science
  - Anthropology



