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This Week In the history of PSYCHOLOGY

September 6 - September 12

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Edgar John Rubin

6 September 1886

Danish Gestalt psychologist best known for the vase/two-faces illusion. His workon figure-ground perception showed how the same visual information can produce different perceptual interpretations.

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George Louis Buffon

7 September 1707

Naturalist whose ideas on organic change and environmental adaptation challenged fixed views of species. His work contributed to the development of pre-Darwinian evolutionary thought.

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Joseph Peterson

8 September 1878

Contributed to research on perception, learning, intelligence, and transfer of training. His work helped advance experimental psychology and psychological testing.

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Kurt Lewin

9 September 1890

Pioneered modern social psychology, studying behaviour, groups, leadership, and conflict. His field theory explained behaviour through the interaction of the person and their psychological environment.

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Charles Spearman

10 September 1863

Proposed the two-factor theory of intelligence, distinguishing general (g) and specific (s) abilities. He also pioneered factor analysis and the Spearman rank-order correlation.

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Leo M. Hurvich

11 September 1910

Alongside Dorothea Jameson, pioneered research on the opponent-process theory of colour vision. Their work explained colour perception through opposing channels such as red-green and blue-yellow.

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Michael I. Posner

12 September 1936

Revolutionised research on attention through chrono-metric studies of information processing. His work established attention as a measurable cognitive process, shaping cognitive psychology and neuroscience.

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