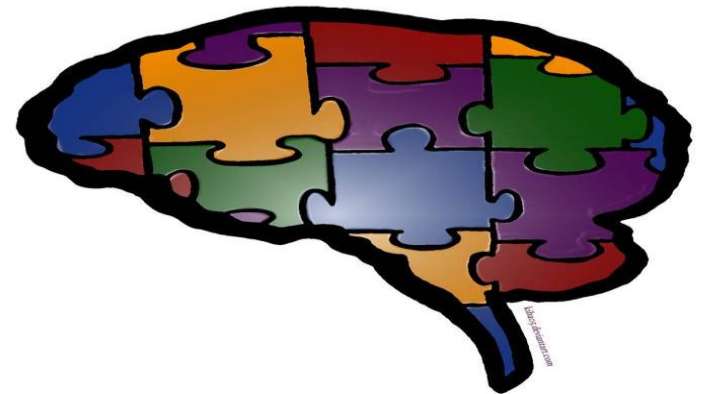


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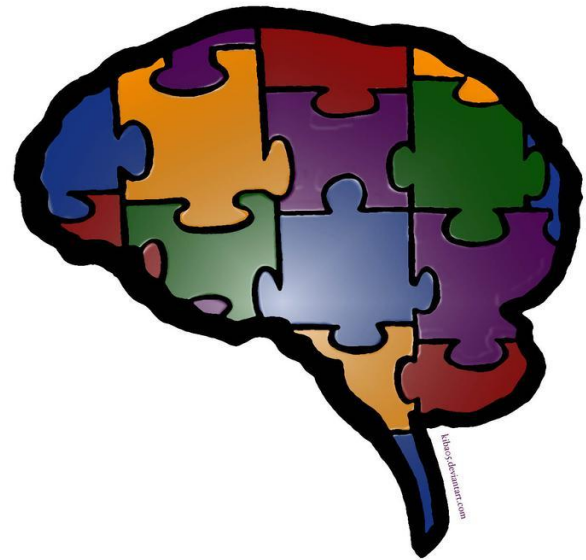
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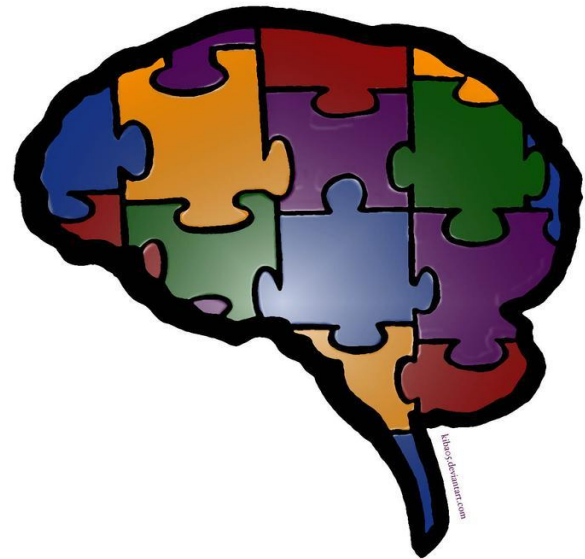
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- Where structuralism was connected with the **structure**(parts of consciousness) of the mind
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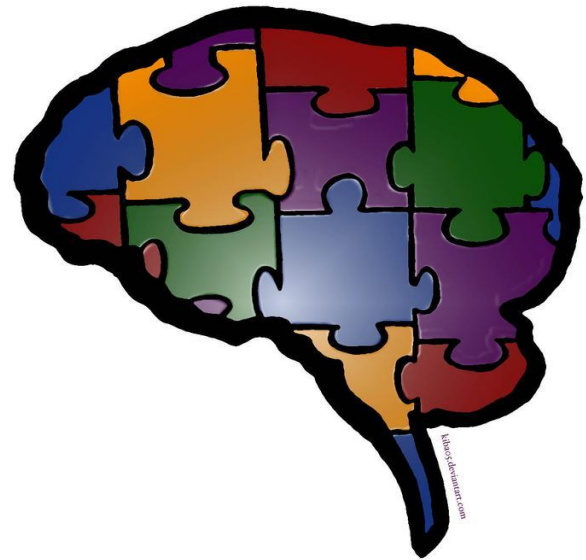
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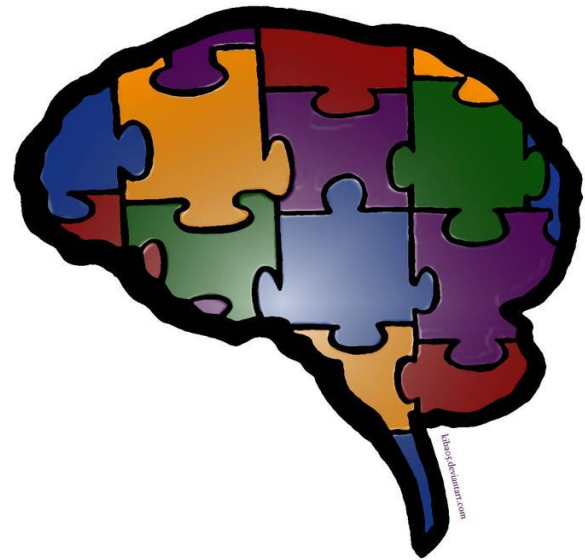
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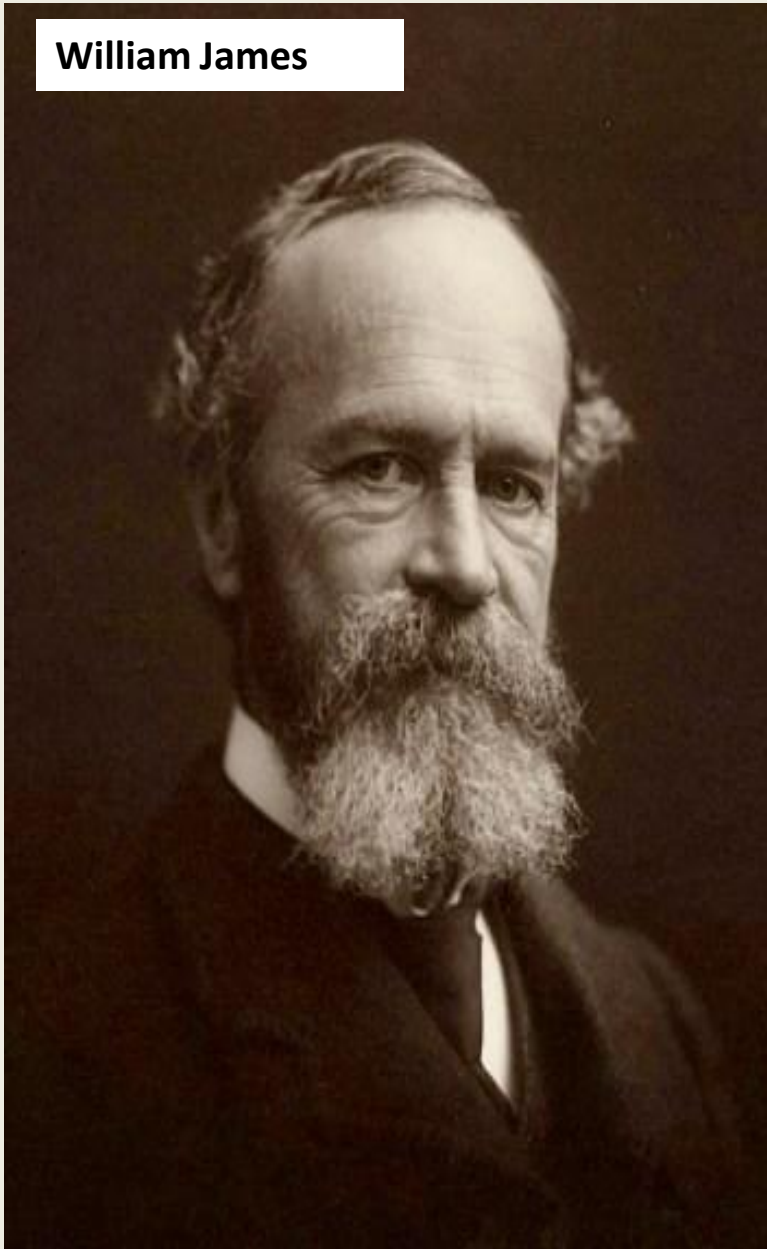


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- Psychologists **William James** and philosopher **John Dewey** represent famous advocates of functionalism. William James published "Principles of Psychology" in 1890.



**William James**



**John Dewey**



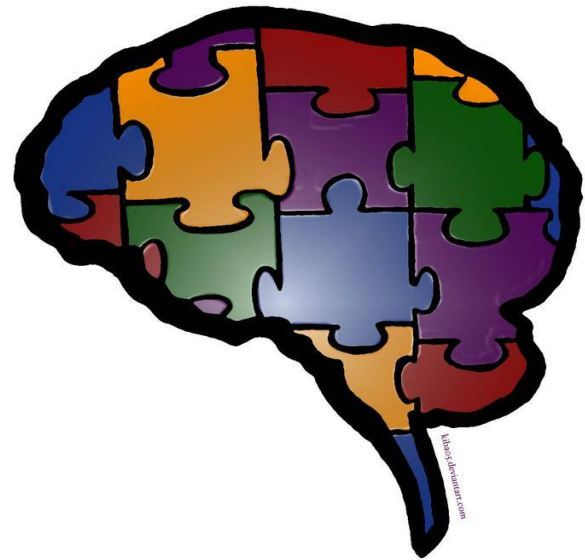
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- William James borrowed the concept from Darwinism of nativism. He believed in nature as the cause of behaviors which influence the brain to cause different types of disorders if damaged. The weakness of functionalism influenced the rise of behaviorism in early 20th century.



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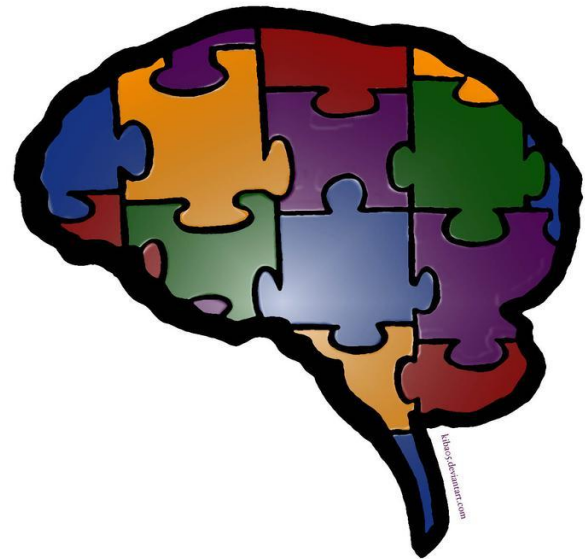
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