Name

Psychological Disorders Project

# PURPOSE

*To use your knowledge, as well as research new & supporting information, of psychological disorder to create a realistically useful infographic. The final product will offer significant information to your peers about the aspects of a specific illness.*

# DIRECTIONS

* Students will work in pairs or trios.
* Students will receive a random somewhat common psychological disorder. This will be the illness they will be researching.
* Examples include:
  + Addiction
  + Personality Disorders
  + Anxiety Disorders
  + Eating Disorders
  + Dementia
  + Bipolar Disorder
  + Schizophrenia
  + Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
  + Panic Disorder
  + Major Depression
  + O-C-D
  + Dissociative Disorder
  + Dysthymia
  + Phobias
  + Autism
  + Teenage Depression
  + Tourette’s
* Students will research the mental disorder they were assigned by answering the Psychological disorder Research Questions (to be turned in).
* Students will then make an infographic using a combination of images and information to “inform” their audience about the disorder.
* See rubric for details.

Psychological Disorder Research Questions

* *You may answer the questions on another sheet of paper if you do not have room for your answers.*
  1. What **psychological disorder** are you researching?
  2. What is the **definition** of your disorder? What might be physical/noticeable characteristics of this disorder?

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* 1. What are potential **risk factors** that may lead to this illness – “causes” of the illness? Are there certain “types” of people who are prone to this illness and if so, why?

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* 1. What are **prevention** suggestions and strategies pertaining to this illness? (*Hint*: Look at risk factors/causes, can you prevent the severity of the disorder, can you prolong the age of onset, etc.)

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* 1. What are the common **warning signs/symptoms** that may lead you to believe someone may be suffering from this disorder?

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* 1. How is this illness specifically **treated** (medication name, symptoms treated, etc.)? Is it curable? How?

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* 1. What is the **science** behind this illness? What does the research say about the physiology or the psychology of this disorder – what’s going on inside the body to cause this?

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* 1. How can you **help a friend** who may be suffering from this disorder? Is there a way to “help” yourself?

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* 1. List at least 5 **statistics** pertaining to your illness. (National, state, city, school, etc., how many people this illness affects, teenage stats vs. adult stats, men vs. women, differences between races, etc.)

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* 1. What are common **myths** and the respective **facts** pertaining to your disorder?

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* 1. List four or more **specific resources** that could help in dealing with this disorder (National resources such as organizations, hotlines, websites, etc., as well as community resources such as local support groups, organizations, specific counselors/trusted adults in the area, medical personnel, etc.)

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* 1. Other: Have you discovered any other **important or interesting facts**? Facts about the history of the illness or the medication used to treat it, famous people who suffer from the illness, etc.

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| **PROJECT CATEGORY** | **Additional Info; Above & beyond**  **(5)** | **Complete; Did what was asked**  **(4)** | **Items or parts not complete; limited info**  **(3)** | **COMMENTS** |
| Research Questions are thoroughly completed. Avoids misconceptions and stereotypes or falsehoods. |  |  |  | /20 |
| Project has an aesthetical layout (easy to read and follow, makes you want to look at it, good use of graphics; easily readable format). |  |  |  | /10 |
| Your note worksheet contains detailed information from other presentations.  \*\*Exceptions considered |  |  |  | /20 |
| Project **thoroughly** and **accurately** addresses selected information using appropriate sources and tone for audience. |  |  |  | /10 |
| At least **5** resources cited and cited on the infographic. (can type and print these if that is easier)   **No more than 3 Internet**   **At least 1 scholarly article**   **MLA or APA format** | 5+ | 5 | 1-4 | /10 |

Comments:

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