Psychological Disorders Project

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

DIRECTIONS
- Students will work individually.
- Students will choose a 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 informational poster or PowerPoint about the psychological disorder they researched.
- Students will present the information to peers.
- As classmates are presenting, peers will fill out the “Psychological Disorders Presentations Peer Notes” sheet.
- Posters/PowerPoints and presentations are graded according to class rubric.
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?

Source-

3. 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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4. 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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5. What are the common warning signs/symptoms that may lead you to believe someone may be suffering from this disorder?

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

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

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9. 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.)

Source-
10. What are common **myths** and the respective **facts** pertaining to your disorder?

11. 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.)

12. 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.
MENTAL ILLNESS PROJECT GRADING RUBRIC

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No more than 3 Internet At least 1 scholarly article MLA or APA format

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