

Abnormal Psychology Research Project and Podcast  
Due May 1, 2010

Choose one of the following topics:

- A. Psychotic disorders
- B. Mood Disorders
- C. Anxiety Disorders (not phobias)
- D. Somatoform Disorders
- E. Dissociative Disorders
- F. Personality Disorders
- G. Sexual and Gender Identity Disorders
- H. Substance Related Disorders
- I. Psychopathologies
- J. Abnormal Psychology and popular culture

Your goals are to 1. Become an expert on this topic and  
2. Communicate your new learning to a broad audience

Requirements:

1. What area of the AP outlines could this topic fit in?
2. List 5 questions this project will be able to answer.
3. Create a study guide (list of vocabulary terms) and glossary (terms defined) for students to use while viewing the project.
4. Description of the Disorder
5. Examples of the disorder-
  - ⇒ (2-3 good specific examples) go into detail
  - ⇒ Prevalence of disorder in America
  - ⇒ Identify typical behavior try to go into detail-
  - ⇒ Identify origins/causes of disorder
  - ⇒ How is this disorder diagnosed? (see DSM-IV)
  - ⇒ What are typical treatments?

Written papers will not be accepted.

Students must produce a 5 minute Video/Podcast that addresses each component\*

\*Sound and interesting video are imperative...

Podcasts will be evaluated on content and delivery-

Include some music

Good narration

Video

Creativity

Make it interesting

## **XII. Abnormal Psychology (7–9%)**

- Definitions of Abnormality
  - Theories of Psychopathology
  - Diagnosis of Psychopathology
  - Anxiety Disorders
  - Somatoform Disorders
  - Mood Disorders
  - Schizophrenic Disorders
  - Organic Disorders
  - Personality Disorders
  - Dissociative Disorders

Think of a good scenario interview, drama,  
Groups of two are acceptable but the product will be strictly evaluated