

Psychology
Unit 8-Mental Illness
Abnormal Psychology

Psychological Disorders

Psychological disorders are behavior patterns or mental processes that cause serious personal suffering or interfere with a person's ability to function and cope with everyday life. There are many different types classified on the basis of their symptoms and characteristics, and our goal is to become more familiar with some of the major categories of mental disorders. We will focus on 6 major categories of mental disorders as classified by the DSM-V (Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of mental Disorders) by way of an in-depth, individual research project.

I. Choose any disorder that you would like to learn more about:

- Mood disorders
 - Depression, Bipolar
- Anxiety disorders
 - OCD, Panic, Phobias, PTSD
- Dissociative disorders
 - Identity, Amnesia
- Somatoform disorders
 - Conversion, Hypochondriasis
- Schizophrenia
 - Catatonic, Disorganized, Paranoid
- Personality disorders
 - Antisocial, Narcissistic, Histrionic, Schizoid

I. Each person will be responsible for:

1. Symptoms and Characteristics (What does it look like?)
2. Possible Causes (What causes it?)
3. Possible Treatments (How do we treat it?)
4. A Case Study (How does this disorder affect a specific person?)
5. Sources (Formatted correctly using MLA or APA)

II. You can create a google slide presentation for this. Also, case studies can be video clips/interviews, etc. Be prepared to share this with the rest of the class.