

Assignments should be a minimum of 7 to a maximum 10-pages, double-spaced (not including title page and references), and in Times New Roman, 12pt.

Do not include an Abstract, Table of Contents, or 'running head' with this assignment.

Assignment

Find an example of one of the psychological disorders from the list below portrayed in the media – a movie, TV show (e.g., Netflix or other streaming service series), or book.

Psychological Disorders:

1. Major Depressive Disorder
2. Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD)
3. Panic Disorder
4. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
5. Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)
6. Bipolar Disorder (I or II)
7. Borderline Personality Disorder
8. Schizophrenia
9. Anorexia or Bulimia

10. Dissociate Identity Disorder

Tasks:

This is all one document! Do not submit these parts described below as separate documents. Use subtitles following APA Heading rules; use Level 1 and Level 2 headings for this assignment to indicate the sections below.

1. Describe the media portrayed in your chosen example. Summarize the portrayal

IN YOUR OWN WORDS (e.g., During a recent episode of Criminal Minds, Joe Smith took a group of passengers as hostages on a train. He was experiencing hallucinations and delusions as evidenced by his muttering to himself and referring to people who were “watching him.”). (5pts)

Description of media portrayal. (5pts)

Describes the media and provides an excellent portrayal of the character. Many details about symptoms demonstrated (e.g., “she was depressed, as indicated by her frequent crying and lack of interest in social interactions. She felt extremely hopeless and isolated herself from others.”).

2. State which psychological disorder is being portrayed in the media example you have chosen. Briefly explain why you determined the diagnosis you have chosen. (2pts)

Identification of disorder in portrayal. (2 pts)

Explicitly states which psychological disorder is being portrayed.

3. In your paper be sure to include an introduction to this disorder; describe the symptoms; discuss how this disorder might impact the lives of those who have it and the friends and family of the person with the disorder; discuss the best type(s) of treatments for this disorder according to the literature; and give the prognosis for someone diagnosed with this disorder. (15 pts)

Introduction to disorder. (3 pts)

Introduces and provides ample information about the chosen disorder.

Description of symptoms. (3 pts)

Clear, detailed, and accurate description of the symptoms.

Impact on life, family, and friends. (3 pts)

Clearly and sufficiently describes the various ways in which the disorder impacts the individual with the disorder, as well as their family and friends.

Treatments. (3 pts)

Provides a full explanation of which treatments are the best for the disorder (as supported by scientific evidence).

Prognosis. (3 pts)

Clearly and sufficiently describes the typical prognosis of disorder.

4. Discuss whether or not the media portrayal fairly and accurately depicts the disorder based on the information you gathered for your formal research paper. Specifically, is this portrayal an exaggeration or misrepresentation of the disorder or does it realistically illustrate the symptoms, as you would expect to see them “in real life”? (5pts)

Discussion of media portrayal. (5pts)

Says whether the portrayal is accurate, gives detailed examples, thoroughly discusses any aspects of the symptoms that are (in)accurate, and discusses whether the symptoms are typically seen in “real life”.

APA Format- 10pts.

No APA infractions (e.g., proper crediting of sources, correct formatting for in-text citations and references).

*Note: Plagiarism: having only in-text citations and/or a reference page but not both or copying direct quotes but citing as though you paraphrased the information (i.e., not using quotation marks) is plagiarism and will result in a 0 for the assignment!

The title page and references page DO NOT count towards the minimum and maximum page limit. You need to cite at least 9 sources in your paper – the textbook, and 8 scholarly research articles. You DO NOT need to include an APA citation of your media source.

Deductions:

- -1 pt./page for being under the 7-page minimum.
- -1 pt./page for being over the 10-page maximum.
- One-point deduction for EACH missing source (MINIMUM SOURCES: TEXTBOOK, 8 SCHOLARLY JOURNAL ARTICLES = 9 sources)
- Three-point deduction if you do not use academic sources for the research paper part of this assignment