



ISD Virtual Learning

Psychology: Psychological Disorder Research Project -

Step 3

May 6, 2020



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Lesson 33: May 6, 2020

Objective/Learning Target:

The student will be research a Psychological Disorder examining the history, causes, symptoms, and treatments for the disorder.

Psychological Disorder Research Project - Step 2

This week, you are going to have the opportunity to learn more about a particular disorder of your choosing and create a PowerPoint or Google Slide presentation over it.

Each day's lesson will ask you to research specific aspects of the disorder that you have selected. There will be guiding questions aid you in your research. There will also be an example each day for you to follow along with for guidance.

Today's goal will be for you to research the causes & symptoms of your selected disorder. Here are some questions to help guide your research for today.

Causes:

- Is the disorder genetic or biological?
- Do we know how a person develops it?
- Can it be brought on by substance abuse?
- Can stress cause your disorder?
- Is it brought on by another disorder (comorbidity)?
- Does trauma have anything to do with it?

Symptoms:

- What are the most common symptoms?
- What are some of the less-common symptoms?
- What can trigger the symptoms to occur?
- Do the symptoms sometimes disappear on their own and then reappear?

Research Tips/Sources

You will need to have at least 3 different sources which will be listed on your project as a Works Cited slide. Because of this, it will be important for you to keep track of your information and where you got it from.

Please refrain from using Wikipedia as 1 of your different sources!

Examples of good resources:

[Crash Course Psychology](#) (videos)

[Khan Academy](#) (videos)

[Mayo Clinic](#) (hospital website; use search tool to find info)

[Very Well Mind: Mental Health A-Z](#) (page includes links to dozens of different disorders)

These are just a handful of the many great resources out there on disorders. Feel free to use ones not listed!

End of Project Day 3 - Looking Back & Looking Ahead

By now, here's what you should have discovered:

- Name of the disorder
- History
- Causes
- Symptoms

Tomorrow, we will build on the research portion by looking at the treatments associated with your disorder. There will be questions in that lesson that will guide you in what to look for in your research.

If you'd like to see a sample of a similar research project, look at the next slides!

Causes of BPD

- Genetics
- Abuse
- Early Separation from Caregivers
- Parental Insensitivity
- Brain Abnormalities
- Stressful Childhood



Note: Typically, this would be presented to a class so the bullet points on this slide and the next would be read and accompanying info would be shared. However, you may want to include more info to explain on the slides.

Symptoms of BPD:

- Intense Fear of Abandonment
- A pattern of Unstable Relationships
- Rapid Changes in Self-Identity and Self-Image
- Periods of Loss of Contact with Reality
- Impulsive and Risky Behavior
- Suicidal Threats or Behavior
- Self-Injury
- Wide Mood Swings
- Ongoing Feeling of Emptiness
- Intense Anger