



ISD Virtual Learning

Psychology: Psychological Disorder Research Project -

Step 2

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Lesson 32: May 5, 2020

Objective/Learning Target:

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

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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 history of your selected disorder. Here are some questions to help guide your research for today.

1. When was the disorder first diagnosed? How was it first diagnosed?
2. Have there been periods of time when the disorder was more common than other periods of time?
3. What are some of the statistical trends that have been associated with this disorder?

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 2 - Looking Back & Looking Ahead

By now, you should have decided on your topic and learned about some of the history associated with this disorder.

Tomorrow, we will build on the research portion by looking at the causes and symptoms of 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!

Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD)

What Is BPD?

A disorder which affects many parts of everyday life including:

- related paranoia
- excessive impulsive behavior such as gambling and binge eating
- self image issues
- fear of abandonment
- stress

History of BPD:

- First introduced in 1938 in the US
- Doctors used it to describe people who were thought to be on the border of diagnoses usually psychosis and neurosis.
- People with BPD were described as very emotional, needy, difficult, risk of suicide, and an overall unstable level of functioning.