

## ***Mental Illness & Personality Disorder Project***

The purpose of this project is to allow you to do more in-depth research on a psychological disorder or personality disorder that you found interesting. For this project you will work with a partner or you may choose to do this project by yourself. You will be preparing an oral and visual presentation on your disorder. In order to better demonstrate the effects of the disorder, you will select a famous person who suffers from that disorder and chronicle their life living with their illness. In the presentation, you will be required to present accurate information on the symptoms, treatment, and the short/long term effects of your disorder.

For the visual part of the project you will make a PowerPoint presentation. In this presentation you must include the following slides: a title slide with your names and the name of your disorder, definition of your disorder, the criteria for diagnosis, the history of your disorder in mental health/medical field, how this disorder is typically treated, the short term behavioral and cognitive effects, the long-term behavioral and cognitive effects, how your person has been affected by this disorder, interesting facts about your person and their disorder, and a works cited slide.

Your oral presentation needs to be at minimum 10 minutes in length. You will select one person to make the oral presentation. You will be graded on the following criteria: accuracy of your presented material (both in visually and orally), preparedness to present your information, attractiveness of your visual presentation, ability to answer question on your disorder/person, and effective use of class time in preparing you presentation.

There may only be one presentation per person with that disorder. For example, there will be only one presentation on Kim Peek or John Nash. You will be given time to select your person and you must have your person approved before you start your project.