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Term Paper

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Term Paper Assignment (CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT)

Assignment

NOTE: Please use a word processing program (e.g., Microsoft Word) to type your term paper. Once you have finished your paper, you will upload it here.

*** If you make a mistake in submitting (e.g., forget to attach the document), please note that you can resubmit if necessary.**

Assignment Summary & Requirements

The goal of this assignment is to get you thinking in detail about at least one of the disorders in our textbook, including how that disorder might manifest – or at least how it might be portrayed in the media. You should select a disorder of interest to you and one that you believe has been portrayed by a character in a movie, book, play, etc. **Do not choose yourself or someone you know personally.** The character should be someone in the public domain that others could research and learn about, if they were unfamiliar with the character. Once you have selected your character and disorder, discuss the symptoms of the disorder (**do not** copy directly from the book or the DSM) and why you believe your selected character meets criteria for this disorder (or why you realized they do not, after close examination). Is this character typical of individuals with the disorder? Why or why not? Discuss the etiology of your selected disorder and the kinds of intervention(s) that might be used to treat the disorder.

Criteria

1. Select a disorder that we have covered in class. **Discuss** (i.e., do not simply list) all of the symptoms/criteria for this disorder in your own words. This should take between 0.5 and 1.5 pages.
2. Select a character that you believe might have this disorder. Describe this character in enough detail that someone who is unfamiliar her/him has a good idea about who this character is (general personality traits, common behaviors, important relationships, job and family life, etc.) This should take approximately 1 typed page.
3. Explain why you believe that your selected character has your chosen disorder (or why you now realize they do not). Is your character typical of those with this disorder (e.g, core symptoms, age and age at onset, gender, course, level of dysfunction, etc.)? This should take approximately 1 page.
4. Discuss, based on research and as described in your text and/or the DSM, what we know about the etiology of your selected disorder. This should take 0.5 to 1 page.
5. Discuss, again based on research, what kinds of interventions might be used to treat this disorder. This should take approximately 0.5 to 1 page, for most disorders.

Dos, Don'ts, and Common Errors

DO:

- DO refer to the DSM-5 to locate the symptoms/criteria of your selected disorder
- DO label sections in your paper for *symptoms, *character, *etiology, and *treatment
- Do maintain a formal tone

DON'T:

- DON'T look up symptoms of your selected disorder on the Internet
- DON'T use contractions, the first or second person perspective, or colloquialisms (i.e., don't use an informal tone)

*Note: The due date for your term paper will depend on the disorder you select. Refer to our syllabus for details.

Rubric

	Points possible	Points earned
Appropriate Disorder (covered in current section of the class)	5	
Discussed all symptoms in your own words	20	
Selected and described a public character	10	
Rationale for character having (or not having) selected disorder	20	
Discussion of etiology	15	
Discussion of treatment	15	
Spelling, grammar, style, length	15	