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Prompt for Mid-term Paper PSY4250 **Due: Thursday, 13 December 2012**

Using MLA format, write a 4-5 page paper on the movie "Girl Interrupted." In your paper, please include the following:

1. Write a brief synopsis of the movie.
2. Describe the behavior you notice in the main character, Susanna Kaysen, that would lead you to diagnose her with Borderline Personality Disorder. Use criteria from the DSM-IV-TR handout to support your diagnosis. Be specific.
3. In addition to Susanna, choose 2 (two) additional characters from the movie and diagnose their symptoms and behavior. You may use web research for this aspect of the paper in addition to your course text. Sources such as Google, Wikipedia, About.com and Spark Notes are acceptable.
4. Do you think Susanna's stay in the mental hospital helped her recover from her condition? Give specific details to support your opinion.
5. Which character in the movie do you feel had the most severe psychological disorder? Give reasons for your choice.
6. Do you think Susanna's presence in the hospital helped others recover from their disorders? If so why, and if not, why not?
7. After leaving the mental hospital, do you think Susanna will have a recurrence of her symptoms or will she go on to live a more normal, happy and productive life?
8. Did seeing this movie and using the DSM-IV-TR handout help you understand Borderline Personality Disorder?
9. In your opinion, how many disorders did you see displayed in the movie?