

■ Writing Assignment

Directions: Be sure to make an electronic copy of your answer before submitting it to Ashworth College for grading. Unless otherwise stated, answer in complete sentences, and be sure to use correct English spelling and grammar. Sources must be cited in APA format. Your response should be two (2) single-spaced pages; refer to the "Assignment Format" page for specific format requirements.

Part A (A 1-page response is required)

For Part I of this assignment, choose a movie, book, or television show that depicts a character or character(s) suffering from mental illness. Write a one (1) page paper analyzing a character's illness in terms of one or more of the theoretical perspectives (e.g., biological, psychoanalytic, cognitive-behavioral, biopsychosocial) presented in the text.

1. Describe the character's diagnosis in terms of the DSM-IV. Make sure to include two (2) criteria that the character meets.
2. Describe one (1) perspective(s) of mental illness that best explains the development of the character's symptoms, along with at least two (2) facts to support your position.
3. Describe any treatment received by the character. Describe two (2) reasons that you would recommend similar or different treatment. If the character did not receive treatment, describe the type of treatment you would recommend with two (2) supporting facts.

Suggested movies include:

- Beautiful Mind (2001)
- Girl, Interrupted (1999)
- Fatal Attraction (1987)
- Sybil (1977)
- One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (1975)
- Play Misty for Me (1971)

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Suggested television shows include:

- Wilfred
- Perception
- Alphas

Part B (A 1-page response is required)

For Part II of this assignment, go online to the following Web page:

<http://www.prisonexp.org/> Take a tour through the slide show, which shows actual footage of the Stanford Prison study.

After viewing the slideshow, respond to the following questions. Your response should be one (1) page in length.

1. Describe one (1) factor that prevented "good guards" from objecting or countermanding the orders from tough or bad guards.
2. Describe one (1) reason why prisoners try to work within the arbitrary prison system to effect a change in it (e.g., setting up a Grievance Committee), rather than trying to dismantle or change the system through outside help.
3. Describe two (2) factors would lead prisoners to attribute guard brutality to the guards' disposition or character, rather than to the situation.
4. Was it ethical to conduct this study? Provide two (2) reasons to support your position.