

Researching a Psychological Illness

Part A (10 points)

Choose one of the psychological illnesses mentioned in this week's lesson or another illness you are interested in learning more about. Then, think of five questions about this illness that you want to answer. Write your questions in the spaces below. (2 points per question)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Part B (30 points)

Now plan and conduct your research. Identify three current, reliable sources for information on the psychological illness you're investigating. Note the sources you are using below and explain why you believe each to be reliable. A good place to start might be the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychological Association, Fifth Edition* (DSM-5). This large reference work is used by psychologists, psychiatrists, and other mental health professionals to describe and diagnose every psychological illness that has been identified to date. (2 points per box)

Source	Explanation
1.	
2.	
3.	

Use the following chart to record notes from your sources. (2 points per box)

ILLNESS: _____

SYMPTOMS:	TREATMENT(S):
GENETIC COMPONENT? Yes/No	AGE OF ONSET:
ANSWERS TO MY RESEARCH QUESTIONS	
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

Part C (65 points)

Write a brief report sharing what you learned about the psychological illness you researched. Include information about the symptoms and treatment for the illness as well as whether or not it has a genetic component and if it has a particular age of onset. Also, include the answers to your research questions. Be sure each paragraph contains a topic sentence supported by facts and examples. Use transitions between paragraphs and sentences to show the logical connections between ideas. Proofread your work for correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling.