**Psychology Final Project**



Using an approved topic, each person/pair will create a psychology or sociology presentation. It is expected that your presentation will be well organized, of high quality and executed in an interesting fashion with minimal notes. You must include an activity, video clip or guest speaker on your topic. Your presentation should last 20-25 minutes, with a minimum of 8 minutes for your verbal explanation of this topic. Be sure to address key psychological or sociological components of your topic (example: structures of the brain that are affected) as well as key studies that relate to this topic. Your presentation is worth 150 points. My project topic: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Timeline: Meeting these deadlines is part of your grade.

I.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_- Turn in a one-page outline that summarizes the important factual data about the topic, the specific questions/ issues you will cover and the order of the presentation. Include brief research notes from 3 sources, including links to the sources themselves. Sources must be from within the last 10 years.

II. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_- Turn in a detailed plan about the specific activity you will present. This portion of your presentation should take 10-15 minutes. You may have a guest speaker or use a movie clip, simulation, experiment, role-play, survey, or game. If having a guest speaker, I will need the name of the guest speaker and his/her telephone number. Your speaker must be given a specific topic and time frame. If you need more time for your activity, please let me know in advance so that time can be built into the schedule.

III. *­­­Day Before Presentation* - Each group will create a 5-question assessment (or alternative assessment, with permission) to give to the class. It must cover the main ideas you will present and may be multiple choice, matching and/or true/false. **\*Consider including these concepts/questions on your first Power point slide for your audience’s benefit.** You and your partner will grade each assessment and turn in these grades by the next class period.

**Psychology Presentation Rubric**

**150 Points Exceptional Performance**

All time deadline requirements met;

Organizes and synthesizes the information in a superior format to exceed all standards.

**135 Points Exceeds the Standards**

Organizes and synthesizes the information in a superior format to exceed all standards; one deadline was not met and/or one element was not complete or sufficient (e.g. speaking portion was under 8 minutes).

**120 Points Meets the Standards**

Organizes and synthesizes in an acceptable format and/or one item is not complete (e.g. doesn’t have a well- planned activity on topic; doesn’t provide an outline) or up to two deadlines were not met.

**105 Points Below the Standards**

Attempts presentation; at least 2 items not complete (e.g. speaks for only 3 minutes during the presentation; reads presentation; doesn’t present an outline) and/or more than two deadlines were not met.

**90 Points Major Sub-standard**

Attempts presentation; several items not complete or turned in late.

**0 Points Does not Submit or Present Project**

**Psychology Presentation Topics**

Serial Killers and/or Criminal Profiling

Obsessive- Compulsive Disorder

Bi-Polar Disorder

Dissociative Identity Disorder (Multiple Personality Disorder)

Schizophrenia

Psychology of Love and Attraction

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

Compulsive Hoarding Disorder

Stockholm Syndrome

Hypochondria

Gambling Addiction

False Memories

Placebo Effect: Mind over Medicine

Body Language & Microexpressions

Munchausen by Proxy Syndrome

Sports Psychology

Human Trafficking

Psychology of Advertising and Consumer Behavior

Rites of Passage Around the World

History of Psychology Treatments (Institutionalization, Lobotomies, etc.)

Psychology and Music

Grief

Psychology of Pain

Living with Incurable Diseases (AIDS, MS, Alzheimer’s)

Homelessness

Disabilities

Addiction (Narcotic, Alcohol, or Drug)

Aging

Genetic Engineering

Caffeine Withdrawal

ADD/ ADHD

Different Types of Therapies

Antidepressants

Exercise and Depression

Sleepless Students

Fetal Alcohol Damage

Teens and Steroids

Methamphetamine and the Brain

Panic Attacks/Disorder

Painkillers: Numbing the Mind

Legal Drugs: Still Addictive, Still Deadly

Psychology of Success

Dyslexia

Insomnia

Prader-Willi Syndrome

Attachment Disorder

Psychology of Grief

Negotiation and Conflict Resolution

Hate Crimes