

Book Review/ Dissociative Identity Disorder Research: Sybil

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During the next month while we do our seminars, we will also be reading and completing a book review on Sybil, a true and disturbing case in which Dissociative Identity Disorder, formerly called "Multiple Personality Disorder," is believe to have occurred (although there is a controversy surrounding this – see next page.)

Steps

1. Parents review and sign permission form.
2. Read novel
3. Complete Book Review/ Disorder Research
4. Watch the film made about the case and view other resources regarding this disorder.

Due Date for Book Review/Disorder Research: _____

Book Review/Disorder Research (40 marks)

After signing out the novel, read it over the next couple of weeks. Then complete the following and hand it in by the due date:

Task 1: Book Review

Complete a written report:

Introduction

- include the **main idea** of the book, identify the **author, title of the book and publisher**, and briefly discuss the **author's background**. You should also say if you **recommend the book to others or not** here. (4 marks)

Summary

- Complete a detailed **section summary** for each of the four parts of the book, using the following as a guide: (8 x 4 = 32 marks)

Part I- Being

Part II- Becoming

Part III- Unbecoming

Part IV- Reentry

- Summarize the main ideas in each section in a paragraph or two for each- **support** these ideas with specific quotes and paraphrasing (cite using MLA format.)

Conclusion

- include closing/summary comments and **give reasons why you would or would not recommend that others read this book**. (4 marks)

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Task 2: Disorder Research (30 marks)

Now that you have finished reading the book and completing the book review, research the disorder by completing the following regarding Dissociative Identity Disorder:

1. List: (5 marks)
 - a) definition
 - b) symptoms
 - c) causes
 - d) effects
 - e) therapies/treatment and prognosis

2. Analyze exactly what the presence and prevalence of this disorder **tells us about our society**. (length-one paragraph) (5 marks)

3. Psychoanalyze Hattie and Willard Dorsett by examining their childhoods with their families, using a replica of the following chart. Use point-form: (12 marks)

<p>Hattie Description of Anderson Family</p>	<p>Proof (examples from book)</p>	<p>Description of Hattie's Personality</p> <p>How could her family environment have influenced this personality to develop ?</p>
<p>Willard Description of Dorsett Family</p>	<p>Proof (examples from book)</p>	<p>Description of Willard's Personality</p> <p>How could his family environment have influenced this personality to develop ?</p>

4. Find one other example of a famous case of somebody who suffers from or suffered from this disorder and briefly summarize the situation. (length- 2-3 sentences) (3 marks)

5. In her recent book Sybil Exposed, Debbie Nathan alleges that the story of Shirley Mason was largely exaggerated and even fabricated by “the willing patient, the
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ambitious shrink and the imaginative journalist who spun their story into bestseller gold.” In Sybil In Her Own Words, published in 2011, Dr. Patrick Suraci denies this and claims that the evidence is consistent with the story in the novel.

In a recent poll, 80% of U.S. Psychologists said that, regardless of if Sybil actually suffered from it, they believed Dissociative Identity Disorder was real, while a significant 20% said they believed it was invented in therapy.

Do you believe that this disorder is real ? Why or why not ? (length- one paragraph)
(5 marks)