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Project III Proposal

For project three, I plan to take my short story about a schizophrenic woman and her journal entries into a public service announcement about schizophrenia. I chose this because I've taken a fair amount of psychology classes and learned more about mental disorders as a result, and the more I hear from my others and other people who are not exposed to knowledge of different psychological disorders, the more I realize that there is a lot of confusion as to what schizophrenia is. Most people confuse it with multiple personality disorder, and say, "He has a very schizophrenic personality" when they really mean he acts as if he has different personalities. This is something that bothers me because it means schizophrenia is not getting the attention it deserves as a serious mental disorder. It may not be as widespread as depression or OCD, but it still needs more attention if we expect to make any advances in treatment of the disease.

As of now, I want to create a survey to post on Facebook and Twitter to reveal the common misconceptions of mental disorders. I am trying to figure out if there is anyone with schizophrenia willing to answer some interview questions for me, but I'm not sure if that will pan out or not. I want to use clips I've found on the internet from TLC or other shows on YouTube that are documentaries on the lives of schizophrenics, both children and adults. I plan on using iMovie to make this project in order to make the film viewer-friendly but also professional.

Clips:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B9v4FsKXmj8

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZ_aJRZxIYA

http://www.schizophrenia.com/prev1.htm

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NYZauBSRuWQ