

Term Paper Grading--Here's what I look for in grading Step 1:

Sources

Locate 3-4 good quality sources (*not including our own required readings*) that provide information about the particular area of psychopathology you have chosen

Not done	Needs Improvement	Meets Expectations	Exceeds Expectations
2	3	3.5	4

Citing References

Cite your sources as you present any of the information you draw from them, in proper APA style.

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Describing the Area of Psychopathology

Using those sources and our required readings, provide an overview of what this particular area of psychopathology “looks like”: describe typical characteristics, including DSM-5 diagnostic criteria as well as other characteristics that have been mentioned. Use your own words, and do not simply copy DSM. Include both what a “typical” case might look like as well as a summary of any important specifiers or sub-types that have been identified. Be sure to talk about other forms of psychopathology that it might overlap with in ways that can make differential diagnosis tricky.

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6	9	10.5	12

Statistics/Results of Studies

Provide some statistics and results of studies: how common is this form of psychopathology, whom is it most likely to affect (gender, race, age, etc.), at what age is it most likely to first appear, how long does it tend to last and/or how often does it tend to recur, how severe is it and what impact does it have on a person’s daily living, and does it tend to be co-morbid with other forms of psychopathology?

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Possible Causes

Provide a brief summary of current thinking in psychology and related fields about possible causes and risk factors that have been examined and thought to be important. Be sure that in this summary you include thinking that reflects each of the three major perspectives (biological, psychological, social) and that you clearly identify the perspectives.

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Possible Treatments

Also provide a brief summary of current thinking in psychology and related fields about possible treatments that have been investigated and found to be potentially effective. Be sure that in this summary you include thinking that reflects each of the three major perspectives (biological, psychological, social) and that you clearly identify the perspectives.

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References

Include a References list at the end, with full information, in correct APA style, for each of the sources that you used and cited in the Introduction.

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Quality of Writing

Have you demonstrated good mastery of the mechanics of good writing (spelling, grammar, proofreading, avoiding Common Writing Errors, etc.)?

Needs Improvement	Meets Expectations	Exceeds Expectations
3	3.5	4

If this were your final paper:

TOTAL SCORE =
 PERCENTAGE (out of 40) =
 LETTER GRADE EQUIVALENT =

But as a draft:

ALL ASPECTS COVERED REASONABLY WELL (90-99) =
 MOST ASPECTS COVERED, BUT NOT ALWAYS WELL (80-89) =
 MANY ASPECTS LEFT OUT (70-79) =