

Psychology in Film Summer Assignment
AP Psychology
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For this assignment, you will watch a movie and comment on the psychological principles found in the film. You must choose one of the five films listed below for this assignment.

Choose one of the films below

***One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* (1975)**

***As Good As It Gets* (1997)**

***A Beautiful Mind* (2001)**

***I am Sam* (2001)**

***Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* (2004)**

***Temple Grandin* (2010)**

***Silver Linings Playbook* (2012)**

After viewing, you will write a 2-3 page paper. The paper has 3 parts.

Part 1: Write a plot summary of the film in 2-paragraphs. Include the main characters, their motivations (what drives them), and the events of the film.

Part 2: Define the psychological terms for your chosen film (These are listed below and you should reference legitimate sources for help with definitions. You do not have to list the sources you might reference). This can be done in a list format.

Part 3: Relate the psychological terms from Part 2 to the film. Describe how each term relates to the film: a character, a scene, or a situation from the film. You should write 2-3 sentences for each term.

Terms for each video for Part 3

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest- clinical psychology, mental institution, personality disorders, mood disorders, psychotherapy, electroshock therapy, abnormal psychology, authoritarian leadership

As Good as It Gets- psychopathology, obsessive compulsive disorder, narcissism, clinical psychology, personality disorder, homophobia, motivation, intimacy

A Beautiful Mind- abnormal psychology, schizophrenia, clinical psychology, psychotherapy, intelligence, genius, intelligence quotient, antipsychotic medication

I Am Sam- psychopathology, heredity, developmental psychology, cognitive developmental disorder, agoraphobia, stereotype, divorce and divorce rate, adjustment disorder

Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (2004)- long-term memory, sympathetic nervous system, introvert, extrovert, hippocampus, amygdala, lacunar amnesia, episodic memory

Temple Grandin- autism spectrum disorder, developmental psychology, diffusion of responsibility, in-group bias, leadership styles, social facilitation, roles, self-disclosure

Silver Linings Playbook- abnormal psychology, mood disorders, psychiatry, mental institution, clinical psychology, biopsychosocial approach, antidepressants, group therapy/treatment

This paper will be collected during the first day of school. Please email Mr. Matson with any questions or concerns.