

PSYCHOLOGICAL DISORDER TEST ESSAYS:

You are able to pre-write and submit your test essays at the beginning of class. Choose TWO essays. Each essay is worth five (5) test points. Use standard paragraph form with transitions AND MLA format for full credit.

1. Nellie Bly writes, "The insane asylum on Blackwell's Island is a human rat-trap. It is easy to get in, but once there it is impossible to get out." Explain this statement, using at minimum three specific examples from the text. Use your summaries and questions to guide you.
2. Has society's attitude about mental illness changed since Nellie Bly wrote, **10 Days in a Madhouse** (1887) and David Rosenhan's study, **Being Sane in Insane Places** (1973)?
3. Based on the information in the chart, write a brief essay on the prevalence of serious mental health problems among U.S. adults. In your essay, use the relative heights of the bars to compare and contrast the prevalence of mental illness by sex and age, and mention anything unusual that you notice.

