**B-1: STD Research Essay (make-up assignment replaces the mental disorder/drug essay)** **Worth**: 20 pts.

**Purpose**

* Demonstrate your ability to avoid plagiarism by properly using in-text citations and citing your sources in the References section (using APA format). You will use these skills in the science fair project and future research.
* For help, see resources here: <http://misterwarren.weebly.com/apa-format.html>

**Format**

* Typed, 1 inch margins all around, double spaced, with easily readable font

(e.g. 12 pt. font size, Times New Roman)

* For simplicity, you **don’t** need a separate title page, headers/footers, or page numbers.

**Acceptable Sources**

* At least 3 different sources:
* You may only use the following **books**: health textbook, bio textbook, any of the books from the library
* You may only use the following **websites**: LAUSD databases (for example, gale: science in context),

<http://mayoclinic.org> , <http://webmd.com> , <http://nih.gov> , <http://plannedparenthood.org> ,

* If you have another good reference, ask Mr. Warren for permission to use it beforehand!

**Guiding questions for a STD topic:**

* Why is this sexually transmitted disease interesting or important?
* How common or rare it is in the population?
* What kind of pathogen causes it, and how is it spread?
* What **symptoms** does it have(how would you know if you have it, and how would you know if the person of the opposite sex has it)?
* How can it be treated, cured, or prevented (include behavioral decisions for prevention)?
* What happens if you don’t get treatment?
* Is it possible to continue having sexual relationships safely with this infection? How?

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| **Do not simply list the effects, especially if you aren’t familiar with the words. You must explain the experience or include anecdotes! Your target audience is your peers, so look up and define words that you/they might not know.** |

**In-text citations** in the essay to show where the information came from (last name, first initial., year).

* + Here’s an example (Warren, A., 2016).
  + …when there is no author (“Title of article”, 1999).
  + …when there is no date (Warren, A., n.d.)

**References**

* List your references in APA format

1. Use <http://citationmachine.net>
2. Select APA format and the media type (website, book, etc.)
3. Enter any missing information that citationmachine failed to find automatically (author/date/title?)
4. Copy/paste into References section of your paper in alphabetical order, and skip lines between each