

Questions for Group activity, Part 3

Each group will select a personality theorist and answer the following questions:

1. What theorist did you select and why? (You might title this page "Introduction" and save as a file named "index".)
2. How did this theorist answer the questions "what is personality"? (You might title this page "What is personality" and name the file "what".)
3. How did/does this theorist measure and/or assess personality? I am looking for the type of assessment techniques or inventories that might be used. For example, Henry Murray used the Thematic Apperception Test (TAT) to assess personality. Freud used free association and dream analysis. Some biological theorists use brain scans. The method of measuring personality varies somewhat across perspectives. (You might title this page "Assessing Personality" and save as a file named "assess".)
4. What causes psychopathology according to this theorist? Briefly, I am referring to disturbances in human behavior, which can encompass anything from depression to schizophrenia. (This page could be called "Psychopathology" and saved as a file named "psychopath".)
5. What is it about the theorist's personality or life experience that caused him/her to come up with the theory that he or she developed? I am looking for a specific example of a life experience and how this could have resulted in some specific aspect of the theory. For example, some have suggested that the fact Freud adored his young beautiful mother might have resulted in his development of the Oedipus Complex. (I will let you decide what to name this page; just remember files are saved with no capital letters.)