

Mental Illness Paper

After you have debated the topic of mental illness and watched the video on genetic and environmental influences on a criminal, does this change your position on people claiming “guilty by reason of insanity” or “guilty but mentally ill” in a criminal defense? If so, why? If not, why?

Write an extended response one page (well-developed paragraph) stating your position and supporting it with supporting details from the video and/or the prosecuting lawyer.

What is your position?

Thesis statement/topic sentence: People who are diagnosed with a mental disorder need to be provided the plea of “insanity” because cognitively the criminal does not know right from wrong, the criminal cannot control his/her behavior and the criminal .

TS/Thesis

Supporting Detail #1 : example from the video or speaker or debate that support your thesis. #1: How a person cannot distinguish between right and wrong:

Commentary:

Commentary:

Transition into the next supporting detail

Supporting Detail #2

Commentary:

Commentary:

Concluding sentence:

Format: 1 inch margins and a 12 pt. font. **MUST BE TYPED**

Due Date: Wednesday April 9th

