

8th Grade Disease Research Project

We are going to further our study of organ systems by creating a research project about diseases that affect the human body.

Create an informational packet with the following format:

Pages

Page 1: What is the disease? Who does it mainly affect? How many people have it? What areas of the world are affected by it? How long have we known about this disease and what is our attitude toward it? What is the rate of new infections? What is the rate of mortality (if applicable)?

Page 2: What is the causative agent of this disease? How does someone become infected? What does the agent do in our bodies? What are the symptoms? How can you get it? Is it communicable?

Page 3: Describe the activity of our immune system against the disease. What is the treatment? Is there a cure? Is it preventable? If so, how?

Conclusion: Why is it important to know about this disease? How is this disease affecting people in the U.S. and other countries?

****It must be written in 12 point, Times New Roman font.**

Be sure to include the following things:

- Statistics, from reliable sources, as often as you can!
- Relevant pictures to make your essay attractive
- An eye-catching cover page with a large picture, the name of the disease, your name, class, and date that the assignment is due
- A bibliography - a list of the books, articles, or websites that you used to collect your information on a separate page at the end of your essay.

Here are some credible and reliable sources on the internet for information but please don't limit yourself to these websites:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: www.cdc.gov
- World Health Organization: www.who.int
- KidsHealth: <http://kidshealth.org>
- **NO WIKIPEDIA.**

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