

Freud Homeworks

1. Read pgs. 581-584, starting under the heading "Psychoanalysis" and complete the following.
 - a. Why might people say that Freud was a drug dealer back in his day?
 - b. What is conversion disorder, and how did some of Freud's mentors, such as Charcot and Breuer, treat this disorder?
 - c. How does free association work?
 - d. What model, or image, did Freud use as a diagram of the mind? (a one-word answer is fine here)
 - e. What types of things are in the unconscious, and what are some examples of the ways these things affect our behavior?
 - f. Your best friend is currently trying to date a person that you have been in love with for a long time. What would your Id be telling you to do in this situation? Superego? Ego?
2. Read pgs. 584-586 and complete the following:
 - a. List each of the stages of psychosexual development (there are 5). For each stage, write a sentence about the types of behaviors that characterize the stage.
 - b. How are you fixated in the oral, anal, or phallic stage? (we all have fixations!) Look at the ways fixation plays out for each of these stages, and use this to help you identify examples of fixation in your own life, or other people you know.
3. Read the defense mechanisms handout and complete the following:
 - a. In General, what are defense mechanisms?
 - b. There are 12 defense mechanisms listed. Pick 5 of them and for each of these 6 write out one specific example of either 1) YOU using the defense mechanism in your own life, or 2) SOMEONE ELSE using it that you have witnessed. Try to have some good, specific, relevant, perhaps entertaining examples of these that the rest of us will enjoy hearing.
4. Read the handout on passive aggression and complete the following:
 - a. give 3 specific examples of passive-aggression from your own life (either you yourself acting passive-aggressively, or you witnessing someone else doing it).