Abnormal Psychology Case Study

Background
As part of the Psychological Disorders unit you will complete the following performance assessment. This assignment will challenge you to apply knowledge of the DSM-5 criteria for various disorders while creating a fictional case study.

Task
I will assign each of you a specific and unique disorder based on three choices you gave me. This disorder will be the basis for your fictional case study. Before writing up the case study, you will need to find out some key information about the disorder you are assigned. Only after this do you write it up.

It is imperative that you include the relevant DSM-5 criteria while not specifying the disorder in the case study. I will make a packet with all these disorders for a later culminating activity. Specifically, you will be reading each and coming up with diagnoses. We will also use examples of these cases during a Psychological Treatments activity.

The final submission should be in 2 parts. It needs to be done exactly like this in order for the culminating activity to work.

1. A ½ page maximum **bulleted** summary of the disorder -- NO SENTENCES! A template is attached.
   - Disorder name, disorder subcategory (if appropriate), & disorder category
   - Bulleted signs and symptoms/diagnostic criteria MOST IMPORTANT
   - Prevalence (How common? Demographic info)
   - Other interesting findings (if any), famous person with disorder, etc.

2. A one page, Times Roman, single spaced, 12 point font (or less), 1 inch margins (or less) case study. A model is attached.
   - Background information on the person
   - Developmental issues the individual may have faced
   - The individual’s current plight/situation
   - Handwrite your name and disorder on back, not on front.

Purpose
This assignment will allow you to demonstrate your knowledge and application of DSM-5 criteria as well as synthesizing information into a meaningful product. In addition, later you will apply your knowledge of the various disorders while diagnosing these case studies.

Procedure
1. Identify assigned disorder.
2. Research assigned disorder.
   - Type in the name of your disorder followed by DSM-5 and see what pops up
   - The entire DSM-5 is not available online – the APA wants people to buy the book or the app
3. Create the ½ page bulleted summary as outlined above. Be concise as possible, focusing most on symptoms and diagnostic criteria (see model)
4. Brainstorm ideas and begin writing the fictional case study.
5. When complete, reread and evaluate using DSM-5 criteria. Be sure case reflects a diagnosis of said disorder.
6. Revise.
7. Spell-check.
8. Hand in final hardcopy, each part on a separate piece of paper. See homework board for due dates.

Assessment
Evaluated using the attached rubric. Complete self-evaluation and hand in stapled to your submission.