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5.02 DSM

The *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (DSM) was developed to help classify abnormal symptoms. It has been seen as both a positive and a negative tool in psychology in that it helps to differentiate between normal and abnormal behavior.

**Explain the advantages and disadvantages of characterizing people using the DSM.**

1. In at least three complete sentences give three advantages of using the DSM and explain how it can help differentiate normal and abnormal behaviors. Support your statements using information from the lesson.
2. In at least two complete sentences give two disadvantages of using the DSM and explain how it can negatively impact individuals. Support your statements using information from the lesson.
3. In one-two complete sentences give a concluding statement on your opinion of using the DSM-IV.