

Creative Multi-Genre Collection

Step One: Planning the Project

Now that you have researched an interesting topic through a variety of types of sources, you will be creating your own multi-genre collection about that topic. You will need to decide which information you want to include and how to best present that information.

Your creative multi-genre collection will need to include a minimum of six pieces with at least one from each of the three categories below (the other three may be from any category):

Written Non-Fiction Text	Written Fiction Text	Visual
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• article• essay• news report• mini-documentary script• etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• short story• poem• script• flash fiction• graphic story• etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• photograph• painting• sketch• sculpture (submit a photograph of the sculpture)• etc.

Step Two: Creating the Project

Your next step is to create the project. You need to be sure that the overall project is organized, clear, and cohesive.

One way to make a project cohesive is by including a repeating element throughout the project. This could include:

- starting each section with a quotation
- using a key word or phrase in each section (you may want to somehow highlight this word or phrase)
- starting each section with a photograph or other image
- etc.

Step Three: Citing Sources

Be sure to cite your sources where necessary using MLA format in-text citations. You will not need a second works cited list as you will already have included this with your multi-genre study.

Step Four: Self-Evaluation and Revision

Complete the self-evaluation form and revise your multi-genre collection based on your evaluation. Be sure to justify the changes you make.

Addiction

A Multi Genre Collection



“The initial journey towards sobriety is a delicate balance between one’s desire for escape and abstinence from one’s addiction” – Debra L. Keplan

"Drunkenness- that fierce rage for the slow, sure poison that oversteps every other consideration; that casts aside wife, children, friends, happiness, and station; and hurries its victims madly on to degradation and death" - Charles Dickens

Wasted Days

I crave the high
The feeling of being free
Do not mind that I'm just getting by
And loosing parts of me

My family is being pushed away
I am someone they do not recognize
They pull away a little more each day
The cost is more than I realize

I watch my future slowly disappear
I cry for help- can anyone hear?



"Drunkenness is Temporary Suicide" - Bertrand Russell

It's Too Late Now

Today the unimaginable happened. Today the unthinkable happened. Today my life was turned completely upside down. Today my wife and child left me. I would like to be able to say that I did not do anything wrong, that I was the perfect

father and husband, but that would be a lie. I am an alcoholic, and today that fact has ruined my life.

My morning was normal, well normal for me anyway. I awoke feeling thirsty with a splitting headache and muscle pains. I slowly crawled out of bed trying to remember what bar I had decided to visit last night, what time I had arrived back home, and if I had woken up my wife or child in my attempt to get ready for bed. Like usual, I could not come up with any answers, because I had consumed so much alcohol. I was alone in the house; my wife had already taken our child to daycare and was busy working so that we would have money for food, the mortgage, gas etc. I am unable to hold down a job because I either show up late to work with a hangover or not at all. I thought about cleaning the house, doing the laundry or preparing a meal for when my wife and child got home, but I never got around to actually doing any of those tasks. Instead, I decided to grab a few beers and sit down in front of the TV all day.... You have to understand something, I knew that I was making poor decisions even before today, but I was incapable of doing anything about it. I was addicted; I just could not get enough.

When my wife arrived home with our child I was still sitting in front of the TV beer in hand. She must have been at her breaking point because all she had done was briskly walk over to me and say, "I am taking our child and leaving. I am going to make sure that you are unable to contact either of us ever again. I'm tired of you getting home at dawn and waking me up, I'm tired of you not being able to hold down a job, I'm tired of you sitting home all day doing nothing, and most important of all, I'm tired of waiting for you to wake up and realize what you are doing to our family. I deserve better. Our child deserves better. Goodbye."

Now I really am alone. I am sitting in front of the TV, beer in hand, writing down what happened. I have woken up and realized what I was doing to my family, but it is far too late. Now, I am the one who is done.

"Addicts never stand still; they are either getting better, or they are getting worse" – Alcoholics Anonymous

Addiction- A Deep Dark Secret

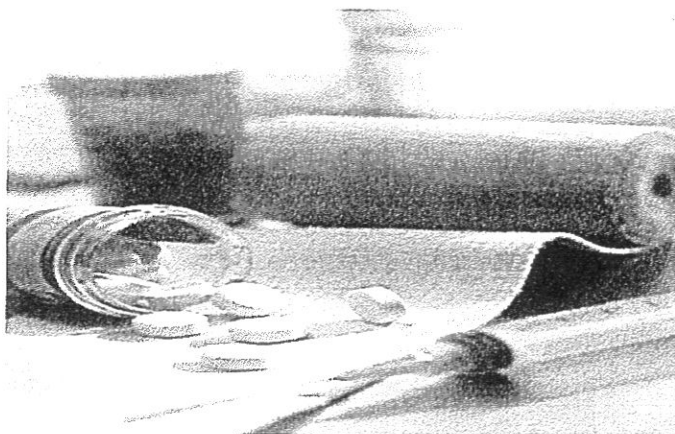
Most Americans are caught of guard when a family member becomes an addict. This is surprising considering that a report conducted by the National Institute on Drug Abuse concluded that, "Every community is affected by drug abuse and addiction, as is every family" (D. Sheff). Given the large number of individuals who are affected by addiction, it is shocking that society is doing more harm than good when it comes to fighting addiction (D. Sheff).

The government has done very little to help solve the problem of addiction. Since the early 1970's the age of first time users has decreased, and drugs have become more numerous and potent. On top of all that, drugs are becoming more accessible. Despite all the facts, the government still believes that society is taking many steps forward when it comes to treating addiction. The truth is that facts are being manipulated and used out of context in an effort to cover up the enormity of the issue (D. Sheff).

Society does not understand how dangerous addiction can be. Each year twenty thousand individuals die of a drug overdose. In the coming years, drug overdose with overtake automobile accidents as the number one cause of non-natural death in America (Sheff). Furthermore, drug abuse can also lead to other incidents such as crime, suicide, and illness. The government and society cannot keep sweeping aside this ever-growing problem (D. Sheff).

In addition to simply ignoring addiction, we also fail to properly educate society about addiction and drug abuse. The education that children receive at school does nothing to combat the persuasive messages and advertisements that promote drug abuse. Individuals are still unable to recognize and diagnose the psychological and social problems that can lead to addiction. Joseph A. Califano, a past U.S secretary of health says that, "A presentation on the dangers of drug use will have little impact on the likelihood that a child who is experiencing depression, anxiety, learning disabilities, eating or conduct disorders, low self esteem, or sexual or physical abuse or neglect, or who has no hope for the future, will self medicate with drugs and alcohol," (D. Sheff). Individuals who show the signs of turning to drugs need constant support, not just one flimsy education session at school.

Addiction can be cured; society just needs to come together, recognize that addiction is a huge problem, and decide to do something about it. If society decides to do this, not only will the number of individuals suffering from addiction decrease, the number of homeless people and violent crimes with also decrease. The government needs to stop sweeping aside the facts, the enormity of the issue needs to be realized, and the quality of education surrounding drug abuse needs to increase if society is to try and fix addiction in America.

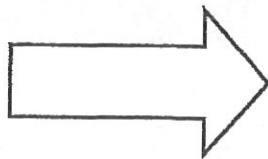


"O God, that men should put an enemy in their mouths to steal away their brains! That we should, with joy, pleasance, revel, and applause, transform ourselves into beasts" -William Shakespeare

*New Rehabilitation Centre
For Recovery Addicts*



- ✦ Where: 24 Mariner Street, Chicago, Illinois
- ✦ Cost: 300\$/month
- ✦ Treatment Options: 2,6, or 12 month program
- ✦ Structure: 12 step program including establishing a support system, coping with guilt, and identifying the signs of relapse

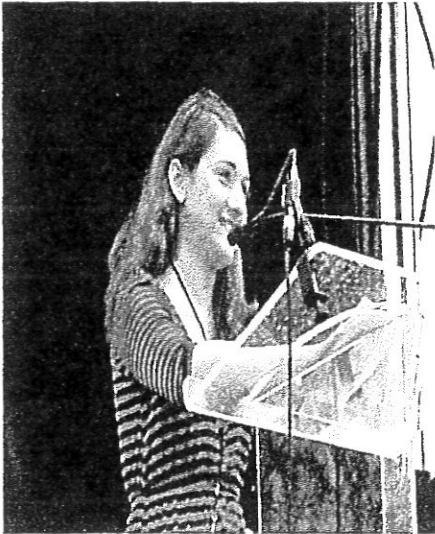


Take a Step in the Right
Direction- It's time to live your
lives

Call 1800-345-2765 for more information or to schedule an
appointment with a counselor

“When you can stop you don’t want to, and when you want to stop, you can’t...”

Teenage Girl Travels the World Educating Individuals on Addiction



Diane McEwen, an eighteen-year-old born on Prince Edward Island, is the daughter of a drug addict. Today, Diane shares her experiences with other individuals who have family members that are struggling with drug addictions.

Ever since Diane was a little girl she can remember her father being rushed to the emergency room because of an overdose. Her childhood was far from normal. Diane is quoted saying, “My childhood was not filled with play dates, sport activities, or smiles, my child was filled with white ER rooms, doctors, and my mother crying.”

Unfortunately, coping with her father’s addiction did not become easier with time. As a teenager, Diane struggled to talk about family; she did not want others knowing about the circumstances of her life at home. She was scared to invite friends over to her house because she was worried that her father would OD, and she was scared to leave the house for long periods of time in fear that her father would be dead when she returned. In a way, her father’s addiction deprived her of a happy and healthy childhood.

As Diane matured, she became more comfortable with her father’s addiction. She realized that she could use her experiences to help others who were going through the exact same thing as she had. Today, Diane travels the world with her father, who is now two years clean. Together, they help spread hope and courage to addicts, and those suffering from a loved ones addiction.

"Do not let your fire go out, spark by irreplaceable spark, in the hopeless swamps of the approximate, the not-quite, the not-yet, the not-at-all. Do not let the hero in your soul perish, in lonely frustration for the life you deserved, but have never been able to reach. Check your road and the nature of your battle. The world you desired can be won. It exists, it is real, it is possible, it is yours." –Ayn Rand

