Lorenzo’s Oil: Alternative Assignment

Overview

*Lorenzo’s Oil* is the story of the Odones’ race against time for the survival of their little boy, Lorenzo. At age 6, Lorenzo develops a classic childhood case of Adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD). His parents work tirelessly with little assistance from the medical community to find a therapy to stop the progression of this devastating disease.

**Step 1: What is ALD?**

Use the following websites to write a three paragraph essay, in your own words, that answers the following questions:

- What human body system does ALD affect?
- Who is affected by the disease?
- How does a person get this disease?
- When will people with ALD start to show signs of the disease?
- What are the symptoms of this disease?
- How is ALD diagnosed?
- How long can a person live with this disease?
- Is there a cure for ALD?
- Who is Lorenzo Odone?

[http://www.aldfoundation.org/ald_info.html](http://www.aldfoundation.org/ald_info.html)
[http://rarediseases.about.com/cs/ald/a/041301.htm](http://rarediseases.about.com/cs/ald/a/041301.htm)

**Step 2: Research a Nervous System Disease/Disorder of your Choice.**

Use the following website to pick a Nervous System Disease that you are interested in learning more about:  

Then, create a **poster, brochure or essay** that educates people about this disease. Make sure to include the answers to these questions:

- What is the name of the disease and how can people get it?
- How is the disease diagnosed? (What tests must doctors do to prove you have this it?)
- What are the signs and symptoms of having this disease?
- Is this disease life threatening?
- Is there a cure or a therapy for this disease?

***make sure to include a **list of sources** that you used to find your information!!!***
Helpful Websites:

http://www.sci.uidaho.edu/med532/Disease_index.htm


http://www.ivy-rose.co.uk/HumanBody/Nerves/Nervous_Disorders.php

http://medicalcenter.osu.edu/patientcare/healthcare_services/nervous_system/glossary/Pages/index.aspx