***Sigmund Freud: Analysis of a Mind***

Freud’s revolutionary ideas transformed our concept of the mind, yet the father of psychoanalysis was plagued by neurotic fears and troubling obsessions. Sigmund Freud is one of the most influential thinkers of modern times. His theories continue to inspire discovery and debate, even as the discipline he conceived grows in different directions.

* Take jot note answers for each of the following questions as you watch the documentary. The write them up neatly as part of your assignment.

1. Sigmund Freud shocked many people with his ideas and theories. Why was he so controversial? How did his ideas contrast with the mores of the era?

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1. Why was Freud an “archeologist of the mind?”

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1. Freud, like many others before and after him, faced anti-Semitism. What is anti-Semitism? How has it shaped world events in the 20th century? How did it affect Freud and his family?

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1. Society today treats mentally ill people much differently than it did a century ago. What has changed?

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1. Freud made the “talking cure” famous. What is the talking cure? How is it used today?

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1. How did Sigmund Freud influence the Twentieth Century?

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1. Although many of Freud’s theories involved sexual analysis, he himself gave up sex. Why?

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1. What is free association? How did Freud use this in psychoanalysis?

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1. What is an Oedipus complex?

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