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Sybil Exposed

*Sybil Exposed Activity*

**Directions:** Each of the following situations below addresses an ethical issue raised by the research in the book *Sybil Exposed* regarding the famous case of Shirley Mason (Sybil). Read each of the following scenarios, and discuss the ethical issues presented in each situation.

1. Describe the ethical issues involved if a psychiatrist/psychologist purposely falsifies information from a client in either a published account or in an official report?

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2. How could Sybil (Shirley Mason) have had more control over what occurred during her treatment? What rights do patients have in a clinical setting?

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3. What obligations did Flora Schreiber (Author of *Sybil*) have when she discovered that some of the events that reportedly happened to Sybil (Shirley Mason) could not be substantiated?

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4. What are the larger ethical implications that the story of *Sybil* (Shirley Mason) has on the history of Psychology?

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