Psychological Determinants of Health and Illness

I. Mind/Brain Connections
   A). Psychogenic vs. Somatogenic Disease

1. Interaction with Culture
2. Interaction with Stress/Expectations:
   - Voodoo death

   - Hmong

   - mechanism:

B). Placebo effect
1. Definition

2. Factors contributing to effect
3. Nocebo

4. Inverse Placebo

5. Mechanism of Placebo effect
   -Root Canal Experiment

-Cohen Article: Brain Regions Involved
II. Personality Factors and Health
A). Reactivity
1. Suomi Studies

B). Type A Personality
1. General Description & Traits

2. Traits most linked with Disease
C). Pessimism

III. Cognitive Factors and Health

A). Attributions

1. Internal vs. external

2. "Fatalismo"
   -effect on health behaviors

B. Heuristics
1. Availability

2. Representativeness

3. Affective Errors