Willowbrook Hepatitis Experiment Debate Make Up Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. In your opinion was this study ethical? Why or Why not?
2. Would your opinion change if the study had been done in a school that wasn’t for children who were mentally disabled? What if the study had adult participants rather than children at all?
3. What did we learn from this study (medically, research based, ethically)?
4. The researchers went through a lengthy process to obtain consent. Do you agree that the participants (or their parents) had access to adequate information? Do you believe that the parents were misled at all? If information provided was inadequate, what would you change to improve the methods for obtaining informed consent?

1. It was suggested in the debate that this study would have been “better” if it were conducted in adults. This particular environment was selected due to it’s abnormally high rate of hepatitis, meaning researchers would have to create this environment in order to do research on any other test subjects. Do you believe this is an ethical alternative? Why or why not?
2. Under the same circumstances, different location, how likely do you believe this study would be to happen today (based on what we know/accept now about mental illness)? Would the IRB of the time approve the study if it were in a traditional school?