

Hysteria

[hi-ster-ee-uh]

1. Historically, a medical disorder marked by excitability, irritability, misbehavior and emotional extremes, occurring mainly in women;
2. A burst of hilarity

Today we will be exposed to
a **real**, live case...a news
story on an outbreak

to some very
normal
girls

Read the article
“Why Are More Than a Dozen Girls
in Upstate New York Twitching?”

Mark up the text to show the evidence of your active reading.
Respond to the questions on the following slide. Be prepared to
discuss.

1. What are the symptoms of hysteria?
2. Why is it predominantly female?
3. Who has been affected by hysteria? who has been affected in the past?
4. Is hysteria a real disease? are there other possible causes for its symptoms?
5. Why does hysteria happen?