

Final Project Proposal Instructions & Questions (due before the project)

Answer the following questions using headings, sections, bullets, etc to organize your information.

1. **Decision:** List the type of project you are going to create and the topic you'll focus on, including title, author (or creator/director), and publication date for any primary texts (books/films/TV shows/etc) you will use as your basis (aka, your project will be about this this topic and text(s)).
2. **Topic/Book Research:** Create a bibliography of at least five sources that help you learn more about your topic or book (aka, the content of your project). At least three of these need to be scholarly, critical, or expert sources. For each source, include an MLA citation, a 1-2 sentence summary of the writer's main thesis and how the argument is relevant to your study, and a brief description of why the writer is an expert (if applicable).
3. **Project Samples/Models:** Find at least three examples of the type of project you created that you will use as models for your work, and list the **title, author, and link** as available. Then, **make a chart** to record observation about these examples, including **ALL** of the following:
 - a) tone/style (language and visual choices that create mood or unique expression)
 - b) word and language choices (including typical phrases that show tone)
 - c) content (what is included)
 - d) argument/analysis strategies (in what ways this kind of project analyzes the texts)
 - e) citation (how credit to outside sources or influences is given)
 - f) layout/format (how the page is organized and any key visual elements)

Questions: Also include any questions you have about the final project.

Final Project Rationale Instructions & Questions (due with the project)

Your rationale proves that your project fully meets assignment objectives by describing the following.

1. **Interpretation Depth/Class Content Connections:**
 - a. Using *specific quotes from your project* as evidence, describe the critical thinking skills you utilized in the project and defend/prove how it stands out as exceptional in terms of its depth of analysis.
 - b. Using *specific quotes from your project* as evidence, explain how at least two specific topics/concepts from class impacted the choices you made in your project.
2. **Topic/Book Research**— For each of five sources you use for your project, include two elements:
 - a. a quote from the source that was especially useful to your project, cited in MLA
 - b. a specific example (*use a quote from your project when possible*) that was influenced by this source, including a description of how the source/research influence this element your project
3. **Project Samples/Models:** Make a chart that gives examples from your project to show how each of your three models influenced each of the following production choices: 1) tone/style, 2) word and language choices, 3) content, 4) argument/analysis strategies, 5) citation, 6) layout/format. The influence might be to match the model or purposefully divert from it, so it is important to include both a quote from your project and a brief explanation. Include a seventh row labeled "other" for additional influences not included in the six above.