

Creative Projects

Overview

For this assignment, you will produce an original creative piece related to your life and/or society today. This assignment is intended to be a low-stress, fun opportunity for you to express yourself in whatever artistic format you would like. Poetry and short fiction are of course welcome, as are short videos, comics books, paintings, sculptures, music compositions, or whatever other artistic project seems interesting to you. Videos can include short documentary pieces, filmed performances (acting, musical, dance, ect.), or whatever else permits you to present your vision.

As for length, I will only require something roughly equivalent to 2-3 pages of original poetry. A short story would be a few pages longer than that (maybe at least 5 pages). Videos should maybe be at least 5 minutes. Drawings/paintings would depend upon the degree of detail presented. One painting, for instance, can be equivalent to a short story if it is not something you could quickly just throw together. You can certainly exceed these suggested minimums if the creative spirit pushes you to something more extensive.

I really do not have a truly hard and fast rule on what is required other than that it needs to demonstrate your good faith effort to produce something creative that is to your life and/or society today. I do not want to restrict you, but I do want you to try to take being creative seriously.

Presentations

I would like you to be prepared to spend 5 minutes presenting your project to the class. I do not have anything special in mind for these presentations other than that I would like the class to see your project or get an idea of what your project was about. That could mean watching the video you created, giving us copies of your poetry to read together and discuss, I could put it on the projector, or anything else that makes sense for your project. I just want to have a low stress conversation about what you have been up to.

Each of you have been assigned a day to present: either December 4th or December 6th. You can find out your day by going to the class calendar and scrolling down to December 4th and 6th.

Due Dates

Your creative project is due on the day you present it to the class. Generally, you will need to turn in printed copies to me in person on the day they are due. Depending on the format of your project, however, I am open to being emailed photographs or videos. Depending on the size, you may need to just email me links to the site where you are hosting the files.

Grading

You definitely should not be worrying about your grade on this. I have no intention of grading you based on how well your poetry was written, for instance. Your creative project will instead be combined with your 4 short essays. Together, they will all be graded based on how many of them you completed:

- All 5: A (100%)
- 4: B (85%)
- 3: C (75%)
- 2: D (60%)
- 1 or less: E (0%)