



## Final Project Guidelines

### Project objectives:

1. Identify an area of human evolution that you find interesting or inspiring.
  - Feel free to do research on a topic of interest and contact your instructor to discuss your ideas and plans.
  - You should not restrict yourself to topics or concepts that we have covered in class.
2. Produce a work that incorporates this understanding of human evolution.
  - This assignment is intended to compliment your major studies, so any media that you might employ for other classes is fair game: digital art, websites, flash, animation, jewelry, an advertisement, sculpture, film, short stories, poems, graphic design, photography, painting, fashion design, architectural blueprints, prints, 'zines, interior design, illustrations, or industrial design.
  - The best possible outcome for this project would be its incorporation into your portfolio.
  - While you will need to submit your work to your instructor, it will be returned to you within two weeks of submission.
3. Describe in a *Project Summary* your goals and motivations in producing your work.
  - The *Project Summary* should express to your audience how human evolution inspired your work; it should also describe your creative motivations and goals in producing this work.
  - The *Project Summary* must include an informative discussion of the science underlying your project. Explain how scientific understanding of human evolution informs your work.
  - To receive full credit, you must cite at least THREE SOURCES OF RELEVANT DATA. These sources could be papers from the primary literature, books, reports from reputable agencies/organizations, or online summaries of data posted on reputable sites. Please contact your instructor if you are unsure about the validity of data you have uncovered, particularly if it comes from the web.
  - The *Project Summary* should be typed and limited to one page (although creative layout and presentation is encouraged).
4. Submit an *Annotated Bibliography* listing and explaining all of the sources you used to inform your work:
  - As described below, provide a full citation for each source.
  - For each citation, compose a single paragraph that explains what important information is provided by the source and how this information relates to the creative work you produced.

## **Proposals:**

You are required to submit a short project proposal by Tuesday, **March 22nd**. All proposals will be through the *LMS* system. Your instructor will post comments on *LMS* letting you know whether the project proposal is approved; if the proposal is not approved, you should contact your instructor during office hours, by phone, or via email.

## **Citations:**

1. Please use a standard bibliographical format and use it consistently.
2. Please be careful about web citations. Much of what is published on the web is unreliable. It is up to you to assess the validity of all your sources.
3. Internet references should be cited with a page title, a full URL address, and the date accessed. For example: Ecology for Architects Main Page, <http://sci177a.pratt.edu/index.html> Accessed 5-Feb-2007.

## **Submission of the project:**

This project is due on Tuesday, **April 19th**. Works that are electronic can be directly uploaded to the *Learning Management System*. Works that are not electronic can be delivered during office hours; in order to avoid a late penalty, upload digital images of your work if you cannot deliver it by the deadline. *Project Summary* and *Annotated Bibliography* submission will be strictly electronic via the *LMS*. All work must be typed and submitted in *Adobe PDF* format. There is a 10% penalty per day of lateness.

## **How you will be graded:**

Your grade will be primarily based on how well you meet the objectives stated above. In addition, your instructor will assess how well you expressed an understanding of human evolution. All written work is expected to use proper spelling and grammar, except where obvious and necessary creative liberties are being taken with the language. Please see the *LMS* for sample grading sheets that provide you with a precise idea of how you will be graded.

## **On academic honesty:**

Plagiarism of any kind will not be tolerated. All cases of suspected plagiarism will be turned over to the Registrar's office for potential referral to the academic judiciary. Please be careful to indicate the source of all ideas other than your own; this includes both direct quotes ("human evolution is the science of...") and paraphrasing of books, scientific papers, and websites. Careful citation makes you seem more authoritative in whatever you write.