

The Senior Project

Definitions of Requirements

Topic

fits one or more of the categories: Community Contributor, Academic/Major, or Career/Avocation, cannot be fulfilled with paid work, project requirements for other courses, or outside activities structured by other organizations (no double dipping - see teacher about possible overlaps)

Mentor

select an appropriate mentor (at least 23, in a related profession or hobby) and maintain a professional relationship, seek expert advice on the project, obtain 2 evaluations in a timely manner

Topic Selection Planning Sheet

a questionnaire filled out and shared with social science teacher, provides specific details of your plans

Overview Timeline

a chart that outlines your goals and breaks down the tasks for your project, it will be submitted to social science teachers for discussion and approval, typed into a template from the school website

Resume

professional business document, aesthetic format, mechanically correct

Formal Proposal

structured full-sentence outline, a succinct summary of the project's process and goals

Two Personal Interviews

each written in a publishable format, used to inform the project and support book and internet research, one is Q&A, the other is an article

Formal Research Paper

documented (citations, works cited and bibliography) essay with a thesis, 4-6 pages, uses 4 or more sources, including an interview and subscription database(s), correct MLA format required

Observation

8 or more hours of observation / job shadowing, keep track of hours on running time sheet (total of 40 hours overall)

Experience

8 or more hours of field work, keep track of hours on running time sheet, does not include producing class work for the senior project (total of 40 hours overall)

Reflections

write a reflective response each semester in MLA format on progress, efforts, impact, impressions, use prompt provided - additional final reflection in questionnaire format following presentations

Portfolio

keep a working portfolio with proposals, running time sheets, resume, reflections, research, and evidence of field work, later create a final portfolio with revised writings, attractive presentation, a wealth of evidence, and an introductory letter to the panel

Oral Presentation

formal speech delivered in appropriate attire to a panel of evaluators, 15-20 min. in length, outlined and rehearsed beforehand, supported with evidence, visuals, and artifacts, followed by 5-10 min. question/answer period