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**Multi-genre Project**

**Purpose:** The purpose of any paper is to explore and learn about a subject and to extend our thinking. The multi-genre assignment accomplishes that purpose, but it also gives you the opportunity to express the idea/subject in a more creative way than a regular paper.

**What is a** [**genre**](http://kcenglish.weebly.com/genre-definitions.html)**?**
A genre is a type of text. A poem is a genre.  A traditional research paper is a genre.  A newspaper editorial is a genre. So are plays and diaries and cartoons and billboards. The list is almost endless.

**What is a multi-genre project?**
It's a collection of pieces written in a variety of genres, informed by your research on a particular subject, that presents one or (more likely) more perspectives on a research question or topic. A multi-genre project is personal, creative, and can’t be copied from some other source. It involves you, as a writer, making conscious decisions about what information is important and how it should be presented to the reader.

**What are some genres I might use?**
You could write an editorial, a poem, a dialogue between characters, a letter, a debate.  You could include a collage, a poster, a book or album cover.  You will have much choice about what to include; but beware -- this should not be a haphazard collage of disjointed stuff. You must connect the genres and what they represent with a central, significant theme.  Your creative efforts must be informed by solid research.

**But I've never done anything like this before.  What do I do?**
As you research, you'll need to consider an audience or audiences who would be interested in your topic, and you need to consider what genre/s would be effective for communicating with those audiences.  In other words, what genres will "speak" to the people whom you want to reach? You'll need to be fully engaged in your research -- don't approach it as if you were on a scavenger hunt to find information to spit back in an "academic" paper, because you're not.  Instead, you'll need to think about what you want to do, for whom, and how best to do that.

**Creating a central theme:**
I encourage you to choose themes/subjects/ideas/concepts that interest you. You could write about an idea that you studied in history or in science or in health, and not just in English. All topics must be researchable. Therefore, a very personal topic, such as your dog, would not be a good choice. While you could research information about a breed of dog, there would be little else you could research.

While you need to make sure your topic is broad enough to research, you also must be sure that it is specific as well. You should try to find a happy medium. You must begin with the general idea and move to the specific. For example, let's say you want to write about the Holocaust. This is your **general subject area**. You must then narrow it down to a **specific subject**, such as concentration camps. Then your **focus or special interest** could be how concentration camps affected people's lives. If you need help with this just let me know; I would be happy to help.

**All topics must be approved! Do not begin work until you have verified your topic with Ms. Bray.**

**Questions to ask yourself about your topic:**
1. Am I truly interested in this topic?
2. Do I have access to enough information?
3. Is the subject too broad?
4. Is there a human element to the topic? Can I personalize it? Could I create a character who would represent the main problems, struggles, or ideas of this topic?

**How your multi-genre project will physically take shape**:

**1. Title Page**
Include the following information (in this order):

title (an original title, not just stating your topic)
Name
the date (due date)
teacher & course name (Ms. Bray, English 10)

**2. Introduction**
This introduction will greet readers and give a bit of background information about your project.  Tell you reader why you chose the topic you did. You'll need to introduce the subject and anything you think the reader should know about you and/or your project before they read it.

**3.  Body**
This is the **main section** of your project. The body consists of **three written pieces from different genres**.  The body of your multi-genre is composed of the various pieces you create to help your reader understand your subject.  Here is where multi-genre happens!

**4. Conclusion**
You conclusion should have its own page. It should be at least one lengthy paragraph. This is where you comment on your topic as a whole and wrap your topic up.

**5. Bibliography**
You must have four (minimum) sources from a variety of information types. For example, multiple credible websites.

**Getting ready to research:**
-make a list of what you already know about this topic

-make a list of what you need to know or want to find out

**Types of sources:**
Choosing from a variety of sources makes for a strong project.  Possible sources include: books, magazines, newspapers, radio, transcripts, archives, videos, websites, personal Interviews.

**A Brief List of Genres:**

* Journal Entries
* Personal Letter
* Inner Monologue Representing Internal Conflicts
* Personal Essay or Philosophical Questions
* Poetry/ Song Lyrics (must be original)
* Autobiographical writing
* Business Letter or Correspondence/Persuasive or Advocacy Letter
* Speech or Debate
* Historical Times Context Essay
* Textbook Article
* Science Article or Report/Business Article or Report
* Lesson Plan
* Short Scene from a Play with Notes for Stage Directions
* Short Scene from a Movie with Notes for Camera Shots
* Dialogue of a Conversation between two or more people
* Short Story
* Adventure Magazine Story
* Ghost Story
* Myth, Tall Tale, or Fairy Tale
* Talk Show Interview or Panel
* Recipe and Description of Traditional Holiday Events
* Character Analysis or Case Study
* Comedy Routine or Parody
* Chart or Diagram with Explanation and Analysis
* Brochure or Newsletter
* Time Line or Chain of Events
* Map with Explanation and Analysis
* Magazine or TV Advertisement or Infomercial
* Travel Brochure Description
* How-To or Directions Booklet
* Local News Report
* Review and Poster for a Movie, Book, or TV Program
* Board Game or Trivial Pursuit with Answers and Rules
* Comic Strip or Graphic Novel excerpt
* Newspaper or Magazine Feature/Human Interest Story
* News Program Story or Announcement
* Tabloid Article

Due Date: