Term Project Overview

The project consists of several parts:

1. Topic Proposal   Due 2/4
2. Outline and Bibliography: Due 2/25
2. First Draft (6-10 pages):   Due to TurnItIn 3/15, due in class 3/17
3. Graded Draft (6-10 pages):   Due to TurnItIn 4/12, due in class 4/14
4. Poster (10 mins.):   Either 3/17, 4/14

See the description of each part for more details.

Policies:

1. **Every part of the paper must be submitted on time**. **For each part of the paper that does not come in on time without an excused extension, the final grade on the paper drops by a full grade**. For example, if you turn the first draft in late, the highest grade you can expect is a B. If you turn in both the outline and the first draft late, the highest grade you can expect is a C. If you run into a problem and need more time talk to me about an extension.

2. All parts of the paper are **required**. Only the graded draft and the poster receive a grade.

3. **I will read and comment on every draft of the paper you turn in.** You are **required to turn in two drafts**. However, you may turn in as many as you like. I will assign a grade to the second draft I read. If you choose to turn in another draft**, I will replace the grade on the previous draft**. For example, if you earn a C on the first graded draft, you can revise the paper and turn in another draft. If that draft earns a B, I will replace the C grade with a B. You can continue to improve the grade on the paper by turning as many drafts as you like. I just ask that these are true revisions of the paper, not just fixing the typos or the spelling.

4. Plagiarism is epidemic at the University. Most of it is unintentional. **Plagiarized papers will either be returned to you without grading, or will receive an F**, depending on how pervasive the plagiarism is. **Severe cases will be referred to Student Affairs.**

Grading Standard: the specific rubric used in grading is available on the website..

- The A paper will be well-organized and free of errors of grammar, spelling and sentence structure. The paper will analyze issues and offer evidence in support of its arguments. It will be a pleasure to read.
- The B paper will be well-organized and will communicate well. The analysis may be flawed or be insufficiently supported by evidence. There may be minor errors of structure or language.

- The C paper will lack analysis. The paper will summarize rather than analyze, and may be poorly organized. While the paper will still communicate its message, there may be many errors in sentence structure, grammar and spelling.

- The D paper will be poorly organized with no analysis and poorly executed summary. The paper may simply be a collection of unsupported opinions or descriptions. It will barely communicate due to writing errors.

- The F paper will fail to meet the assignment requirements. The paper may fail to communicate, or it may be off-topic. A plagiarized or purchased paper will earn an F. A paper researched entirely on Google will receive an F.