

Genetics and Culture: Final Project/Paper Requirements

This paper/project is to be a proposal for an original creative project that incorporates genetic concepts. You can create images, writing, sound, video or any other kind of supporting materials to present your project. You do not have to actually make the project, only propose and describe it in detail. It does not have to be "doable" in the "real world." It should be conceptually complete and address something in specific that you want to express through the project.

For the written research paper component, articulate your idea, discuss it in relation to concepts from the course pertaining to visual culture, genetics, society, ethics etc. and place the project in context, comparing and contrasting it to works by other artists. Provide information about the concepts and knowledge you have researched in conceiving the project and cite the references you have used in MLA format within the text at appropriate points.

A 5-minute presentation of the proposed project that includes images, and the paper is due, along with the paper, on the last day of class.

Requirements:

Topic proposal: One well-written paragraph. (Half page max)

Rough draft: Two pages that includes the majority of your ideas. This should be more developed than an outline.

Final paper:

Format:

- 6 pages in length, including images, can be more if appropriate.
- Typed, double spaced, 1 inch margins, page numbering at bottom
- Stapled!
- **ABSTRACT:** At the start of the paper there must be an Abstract. This is a one-paragraph summary of your paper that contains the main idea, the supporting topics/arguments and conclusions. Note: This will go onto your web page for this course.
- The **BODY** of the paper contains the remainder of the content for your paper.
- Use images as appropriate, but not as "filler" to extend the length.
- You may use images that are not original, but you must credit the source with complete information as a caption along with the use of the image.

Bibliography

- 10 references that are cited in the paper.
- MLA format
- Five of the references may be URL/websites and the other five must be hard-copy sources.

Final presentation:

- Prepare a 5 minute presentation to share with the group on our last day of class.
- Include images or other media elements as appropriate.
- Create this in PowerPoint or html and prepare a quality/polished presentation.
- Bring this to class on a CD-Rom or ZIP disk.

Grading:

- The emphasis is on originality and quality of the ideas and writing, as well as your ability to relate your project to the concepts covered in class discussions, course readings and the references you cite. Completeness and format will also be included in the overall assessment, as well as your in-class presentation.

Due dates

- The paper and presentation are due on June 5, 2003 at the start of class.
- Bring the typed paper to class.
- **Bring your presentation and the MS-word version of your paper to turn in on CD-Rom or Zip disk.**

NOTE: there are two things due on this disk – the presentation and the electronic (MS-word) version of your final paper.