

Final Multimedia Project: Hunger Games Class

Proposal Due: Wednesday, December 4 in CourseDen by 11:59 p.m.

Project and One-Page Reflection Essay Due: Wednesday, Dec. 11. Post these final two components on CourseDen by 11:59 p.m. on the due date.

Students will work individually and create a multimedia presentation over a campus-related food topic of their choice. Students may choose to create a podcast, short video, webpage, webcomic, blog post, etc. The overall grade will be based on the following criteria (posted to CourseDen dropboxes): 1) A written proposal outlining the topic and format of the project, 2) the project, and 3) a 1- 2 page reflection essay.

Purpose: The purpose of this assignment is to have you explore a text or food experience that interested you this semester. Your project should honor and engage with the exploratory nature of our class and allow you some liberty with creativity and presentation of your ideas and findings.

Goals:

- submit a half-page proposal in CourseDen by 11:59 p.m. on December 4 that identifies your chosen topic and outlines the format you intend to use for your project (format = podcast, short video, blog post with visual aid, webcomic, etc.)
- work individually to create a multimodal response (see formats in above bullet point) to a course text or food topic of your choice
- demonstrate engagement with and investment in your topic
- present your project to the class on Wednesday, December 11 (pending clarification about date and time for finals)
- post your project to CourseDen by 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 11
- post a reflection essay to CourseDen by 11:59 p.m. on Thursday ,Dec. 12

Description:

Identify a text or food experience that interests you (see prompts below for options). Write a proposal (1/2 page) that outlines your topic, why you chose it, and how you plan to present details (i.e. format) about your research or experience. Then, develop a media project that allows you to share what you discover or enjoy about your topic. Finally, write a 1-page reflection essay in which you reflect on your experience both during the course of the semester and during the completion of your final project.

Below are some sample prompts to help you get started. You may use one of these, adapt one, or meet with me to discuss an idea you want to pursue/explore in your project.

1. Focusing on *The Hunger Games*, explore what the reading assignment made you think about and what you learned. What made the text interesting or not interesting? How did your ideas about food change or stay the same?
2. Reflect on one of our experiences with food (kitchen/pizza) this semester or on your experience with dining options on campus. What was the value of the experience, or what were the pros and cons of the experience—either as an educational component or, in the case of dining on campus, from the perspective of a student who needs to eat nearby and on a budget on a regular basis.
3. Play food critic and visit a restaurant or a campus dining venue; then write up a review. Click the following link for ideas about what to include in your review: <https://www.wikihow.com/Write-a-Food-Review>
4. Earlier in the semester, you blogged about a food you might like to try. Choosing either that dish or another one you want to make on your own (maybe a family recipe or a dish you've enjoyed eating out but never made at home?), set aside time to cook it and then build your final project around that experience.
5. Conduct and record interviews on campus about students' experiences with campus dining, their experience with trying new or unusual foods, their concerns about food ethics or healthy eating, or their relationship to cooking or growing food.

Example Proposal:

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Final Multimodal Project Proposal

For my final project this semester, I want to try a food venue on campus that I haven't tried before. I've been to Starbucks and Chick-Fil-A, but hasn't everybody? As a professor who's interested in food, and in how it signifies and connects to my sense of self, I think it could be valuable to experience campus dining and to make my own judgments about the food options available, as well as how they taste, how they look, and how much they cost. Because I enjoy writing about food and want to try something new, I plan to write a review of the food at East Commons. I'll post this to my blog, which is more comfortable for me than taking on a new media form. Because the blog post option for the multimodal project requires a visual element, I plan to include photos of the food I order and maybe a few shots of the dining area.