

Senior Project Standards 2011

Santa Susana High School requires students to complete all four parts of the Senior Project in order to receive full credit for their English Grade. Senior Project must meet the following standards:

Research Paper: *Choose a topic that provides background information about your project.*

- The finished research paper is due to your English teacher on Friday, November 19, 2010
- Thesis-based research paper
 - Seven to ten typed pages, excluding the images
 - Include original research without plagiarism
 - The research topic and thesis statement must be approved by the English teacher
 - Ten (10) different sources to be used in the paper
 - Sources are to be scholarly, trade or refereed Journals (3 minimum). All sources are to be considered reputable and respected sources from a variety of authors. Cite credible sources, no tabloid or personal websites
- Drafts: 1 rough draft, one final draft
- *Follow MLA-style guidelines: typed, double spaced, one sided, one inch margins, size 12 font, Times New Roman, parenthetical documentation, in text Citation and Works Cited page.

*Science-based papers may use a hypothesis. Consult your science teacher for scientific paper Format

*Science-based papers will use APA format

Further details will be available from your English teacher. Minor alterations and additions may differ from teacher to teacher so discuss your individual concerns with your teacher.

Fieldwork: *Do or create something related to your academy or area of interest.*

- Complete at least 20 hours of fieldwork by Thursday, March 3, 2011 since your log is included in your portfolio (due March 4, 2011). Be aware that most fieldwork projects take more time.
- Fieldwork involves “stretching” out of your comfort zone by trying something new.
- Write a fieldwork log entry for each step of the process. Each log entry includes the date, time, location, and specific details about the work accomplished. From time to time, reflect on the progress along the way.
- Fieldwork cannot involve unsafe or illegal activity, work for another class, or the student's financial or material gain.
- Students seek guidance from a fieldwork mentor who is not their parent or guardian and Who is at least 25 years old.

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Portfolio: *The portfolio will reflect the connection between your research paper and fieldwork*

The Portfolio will contain the following items:

Title Page

- ~ Title of the Project
- ~ Student's Name
- ~ Research Paper Topic

Table of Contents *listing each of the following:*

Introduction

- ~ Letter of Introduction (business letter form)
- ~ Résumé
- ~ Sr. Project Overview

Research Paper (graded)

Fieldwork

- ~ Fieldwork/Project Log
- ~ Letter of Recommendation/Regret **written by your Mentor**
- ~ Mentor Verification form
- ~ Thank You Letter to Mentor **written by the senior**

Letter of Reflection

Appendix

- ~ Application/Approval Contract
- ~ Integrity Commitment form
- ~ Mentor Commitment form

Your completed portfolio graded by the Santa Susana faculty and will be given to the judges prior to your presentation.

Your portfolio will be something you can show future employers, interview committees, or college entrance committees.

*Including the completion of a Senior Project on college applications can *BENEFIT* you!

Presentation: *Present your work to a panel of judges.*

- Completed Portfolios will be reviewed by the panel on presentation day.
- Presentations will be on Thursday afternoon, March 24, 2011.
- Presentations must be seven to ten minutes in length.
- Students discuss their research, fieldwork, and what they learned during the process.
- Each presentation is followed by a brief question and answer period.
- Visual/Audio enhancements must be used for the presentation. (Power Point is strongly recommended.)
- Demonstrate effective speaking skills.
- Dress professionally and appropriately (business attire).