

PERSONAL PROJECT and/or VIDEO REVIEWS

Project Type	Points	Due Date
Personal Project	up to 100 pts (contract negotiated)	Student Selected Date prior to Friday, 8/29/08
Video Review	up to 100 pts 5 page Review = 100 pts 2 page Review = 50 pts and must complete 2 reviews	1 st Review: T 8/5/2008 H 8/7/2008 2 nd Review: T 8/26/2008 H 8/28/2008
Extra Credit Video Review	up to 50 pts 2 page Review = 50 pts	Extra Credit Video Review is due Week 9 – 9/5/2008

All Written Papers will be a minimum of a 2 page paper (unless otherwise indicated below):

- 1.5 inch spaced (instead of MLA 2 inch)
- 1 inch borders
- Times New Roman (font)
- Name/ Class / Date/ Assignment Title in the TOP RIGHT CORNER
- Complete English (no shorthand, chat language, or slang)
- Clear Introduction, Evidence or Specifics, Conclusion

► **VIDEO REVIEW:** A Video Review report may be done on any video/TV show in the bibliography you will receive in class or on any title you clear with the instructor in advance. You will write up to two reports, each of which will be worth up to 50 points for a minimum of 2 pages each, OR a single (5-6) five-six page report worth 100 pts.

All Video Reviews are due by the 5th and 8th week (see details above).

(1) Your reports must be typewritten (MLA Standards) and should include a discussion of the video in which you:

- a. Include the title of the movie
- b. Write a single paragraph summary of the movie – papers that include over half the paper explaining the details of the movie events will only receive (½) half credit.
- c. Describe the movies perspective on any of the following concepts from the book [AND PROVIDE EVIDENCE FROM THE MOVIE OF THE EXAMPLE]:
 - i. self-concept
 - ii. communication
 - iii. interpersonal skills
 - iv. identity management
 - v. self-fulfilling prophesy
 - vi. stereotyping
 - vii. expressing emotions
 - viii. the importance of language
 - ix. gender /social or gender roles
 - x. family or relationships
 - xi. conflict
 - xii. or any other topic discussed throughout the course

(2) Discuss how these ideas relate to your life.

(3) Finally, you should write a conclusion in which you summarize your opinions of the video/TV Show as evidence of the concepts you have chosen to discuss.

(4) DO NOT PLAGARIZE MOVIE REVIEWS or your paper will not count. If you use information from a review, please quote it properly!!!!

► **PROJECT:** As a secondary option worth credit you can complete a personal project. The project gives you an opportunity to focus on whatever area of interpersonal communication that especially interests you.

It might take the form of an experiment in which you try out different behaviors to see which work best, a research paper in which you explore an area of personal interest, or a questionnaire or survey to learn how other people see you or deal with a situation similar to yours. You may want to keep a journal to record certain kinds of communication, which you will then analyze.

In any case, if you are interested in doing a project, you will need to complete and turn in a contract form by 6/25/08. It will include:

- a description of the area you want to explore
- a description of why that area interests you
- how you plan to work on that area
- a description of what you will hand in
- how many points your project will be worth (100pts or 50pts)
- the deadline for your project to be completed

The instructor will look over your contract and either sign it or negotiate revisions with you. After signing it, the contract becomes the standard against which the quality of your work will be measured. All projects must be typewritten and are due no later than Friday, 8/29/08.