

Research Project-Podcast Episode

Introduction

For this research project, you will create a podcast episode! After selecting one of the provided prompts, you will research your topic and create a podcast episode to share your thoughts and discoveries!

This project has several steps, with instructions and due dates outlined below.

Prompts

Choose one of the following prompts to focus on for this Research Project:

- a. Discuss both sides of a debate about an issue important to you, OR
- b. What do you want to change about the world? NOTE: Thesis statement required

1. Podcast Journal (30 points)-DUE FRIDAY, MARCH 27, end of class period

Throughout this project, you will maintain a Journal. Prompts will be provided ongoing for a total of six (6) entries. All prompts are related to lessons that will help you execute this project.

2. Topic Selection Write-up (10 points)-DUE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, end of class period via turnitin.com

In one (1) paragraph, identify the prompt you selected for your research podcast episode. Clearly explain your topic of focus and why this topic is of importance/interest to you.

Your Topic Selection Write-up must be in MLA format (header, heading, title, double-spacing, 12-point font).

3. Literature Review (120 points)-DUE FRIDAY, MARCH 6, end of class period, via turnitin.com

A literature review is a critical step in the research process, as it provides critical information to the researcher. A researcher has the potential to uncover new or additional information regarding their selected topic.

For this literature review,

1. You may only use sources locatable and accessible through the Arizona Digital Databases: <https://azlibrary.gov/dazl>.
2. Find and read articles relating to your topic.
3. Create an Annotated Bibliography highlighting six (6) sources:
 - a. For each source, include the full MLA entry for the source (use the "Cite" feature within the databases).

- b. Discuss how the source informed your understanding of your topic and how you will support your research discussion with evidence from the source.

Your Topic Selection Write-up must be in MLA format (header, heading, title, double-spacing, 12-point font)

4. Script (50 points)-DUE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, end of class period

A script is important to executing a well-planned, thoughtful, and engaging podcast episode. From start to finish, create a script to follow for your podcast episode. Keep in mind the structural elements of a podcast episode we discussed in class.

Include an MLA header and heading on your script. Illegible scripts will earn 0 points.

5. Podcast Episode Recorded (60 points)-DUE MARCH 27, end of class period

You will record a podcast episode to discuss your research findings. Your podcast episode is an INDIVIDUAL effort that must be fully planned, recorded, and edited by you.

Your podcast must

- a. be your original work,
- b. follow a clearly defined thesis statement (as applicable),
- c. present a clear and logical argument,
- d. be supported by evidence (from your Literature Review),
- e. be 3 to 12 minutes in length, and
- f. incorporate YOUR UNIQUE VOICE!

Submission

Simply type your name and Anchor address in a Google Doc and submit via [turnitin.com](https://www.turnitin.com)!

Extra Credit Opportunity

You have the opportunity to earn (20) extra credit points by completing one (1) of these options:

1. Interview an individual or group. Capture their perspective/knowledge/experience with your selected research topic. Write a one (1) paragraph summary identifying your interviewee(s), time and location of the interview, and the key take-aways from the interview. Type your paragraph using MLA formatting.

OR

2. Submit your podcast to the NPR Podcast Challenge by March 24, 2020 (See Ms. Davis for submission. Guardian must sign consent form to enter the Challenge.)
 - a. Read through the Contest Rules.
 - b. Write a one (1) paragraph description of the podcast.
 - c. Obtain guardian consent (permission form available with Ms. Davis)
 - d. Write a one (1) paragraph reflection about your experience creating a podcast.