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Junior Thesis

**Junior Thesis (JT) Milestone #8: The Final Draft!**

This is it! We began discussing topics all the way back in late October/early November. You’ve worked hard, and now the finish line is right around the corner. Be thoughtful about your revisions, and prepare the packet you’ll hand in long before the start of the class when it’s due.

Create a final product you can be proud of. Feel relief and exhilaration.

Finish strong!

**Final Paper Checklist:**

**Typed:** Not a single thing in this paper (page #s, anything) should be

hand- written. This is sloppy and reflects lack of attention to detail.

**Title Page**: Includes creative and relevant title (with or without a subtitle) centered, no larger than size 20 font. Heading in bottom right-hand corner should include, your name, our class, my name and date of submission. No pictures.

**Binding**: Paper is stapled or paper-clipped together only. No plastic covers, folders, middle school stuff.

**Mechanics**: 12-point font, Times New Roman, double-spaced with standard margins 1.25 margins, 1” top and bottom, left justified. Printed in black ink.

**Spell check**- automated & human: Run spell check to catch typos and silly spelling mistakes. Read it aloud, and have an adult read it too.

**Page Numbers**: Pages are numbered the bottom of the page – *typed*. Neither the title page nor the bibliography counts toward word count/page limit. Page numbers can be easily added and automatically updated in Microsoft Word. Pull down the “Insert” menu, and select “”Page Numbers.” Choose “Bottom” and either Center or Right.

**Parenthetical Citations**: See edits on rough draft. If you’re not sure, cite. Every single citation must correspond clearly to a source on your bibliography.

**Complete bibliography:** use models you were given to format correctly

**Word Count:** should appear on last page before bibliography, typed. The curriculum 1 requirement is 2500-3500 words. Word count can be found under the “Tools” menu in MS Word. *Word count does not include title page, bibliography, or bibliographic essay.*

**“Bibliographic Reflection:”**

1-2 page (double-spaced) bibliographic reflection attached after the

bibliography. This reflection describes the steps you took to write your

paper and addresses the actual writing process: What was your approach? What inspired you to choose the topic that you did? Where did you get your sources? What sources were most useful? What about the writing process was fun? What was not fun at all? How did you arrive at the final draft?

**Correct Sequencing:**

At the start of class on the due date, you should hand in a thick packet

with a paper clip or binder clip that must contain, exactly as follows, from top to bottom:

* Title page
* Final draft of paper
* Bibliography
* Rough Draft (marked up version)
* Detailed Outline (marked up version)
* Original proposal

\*ALL of this must be done ahead of time. You’ll be given no time in class to assemble, and if it’s not ready to go, it’s late. Be methodical with this.

**Grade:**

**Junior Thesis = 25% of Term 3 grade.**

- Missing the deadline for whatever reason will automatically deduct 10 points (a full letter grade) off the final grade

-There will be no possibility of re-writing after the final draft has been submitted.

- See attached rubric for grading criteria.

**Due Date:**

Assemble the packet ahead of time. If the entire packet (*in hard copy only;* no email or Google Docs) is not ready to be handed in, it’s late. Take your time to double check, and do it right!