

Semester Movie Project

American Culture

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For the Semester Project, the American Culture class, will form small groups of a 4-5 students each and write, develop, direct, film, edit and produce a 3-5 minute short film in one of the following categories.

Drama	Comedy	Parody
Music Video	DocuDrama	Stop Action/claymation
Musical	Infomercial	News broadcasts
Documentary	Animation/Anima	Investigative reports (60 min style)

The film needs to portray some event, person or film depicting American History. Use what you have learned from the class, discussions, outside material or your own experiences to develop this film.

Please follow the rubric in order to receive full credit.

Element		Points
Music	Does the music add to the picture or is it just background noise?	5
Story line	How well is the story told? Does it make sense? Does it flow?	50
Characters	Character development and believability	20
Editing	How well do scenes transition, special effects	10
Cinematography	How well is this filmed? Lighting, title, credits, etc., etc..	10
Time	3-5 minutes (-10% for under, will determine if over)	5

All students must participate in the film. Any student who does not participate will receive a zero (0). All groups must make adequate provisions and time to complete this project. Failure to turn in a final project will result in a zero (0) so make sure you have backups and extra copies. All films need to be burned to a CD (must be in DVD, MOV or Quicktime format) at least 1 day prior to the due date to insure that it works.

All groups need to submit their work by the following due dates:

Element		Due Date
Story Outline	What topic and style will you be doing and why? Film members?	
Story Boards	Descriptive outline, graphics and story line for film	
Script	Written script of character lines and narration.	
Draft	Draft of film (not yet completed)	
Film Trailer	A trailer of your film for the class to see what is coming	
Final Film	Final and finished product	

Please make arrangements to work in your groups outside of class. No class time will be devoted to this until after the TAKS and AP Exams (3 week in May). We will then use SOME class time for you to film and work in your groups. If you can please choose at least 1 person from the media tech class to be in your group (not all people in your film need to be in our class) as Mr. Hood will not allow none-media tech students to use media tech equipment.

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