**Sociology Project**

**Due 10/12/20**

**20% of final grade**

**Two different options: once you choose the desired project, please inform instructor of choice as all topics must be pre-approved. You may submit a rough copy of your project via email as long as you send one week prior to the due date. I will review all rough copies and provide feedback.**

**Option # 1**

**PAPER**

You will choose a topic that is relevant to the course and write a 3-4 page paper connecting your topic to what you have learned in the course. In addition to the 3-4 content pages, you will include a title page and a reference page. You must use a minimum of 3 academic references, DO NOT include encyclopedias or textbooks. Internet sources must be professional and pre-approved by the instructor. Paper must be styled in APA format. Do not include opinion unless notified by instructor. Do not copy and paste your project into the submission screen. Must use in-text citation giving credit to your sources throughout your paper.

**Option # 2**

**INTERVIEW**

You will interview a person from a cultural background other than yours and write a 2-3 page narrative paper that summarizes the interview. The interview should include one or more questions about every chapter covered in the course. The questions should be included as an appendix to the paper. You will need to obtain written permission from the person you are interviewing to use the material in the interview for the class project. As a summary to your paper you will identify and reflect upon the similarities and differences between your cultural lifestyle and that of the person you have interviewed.

**Sociology Research Topic**

**Ideas (only suggestions)**

1. **Race, Nationality and Ethnicity**
2. **Mass Media**
3. **Youth cultures and subcultures (hip hop, punk, extreme sports, mean girls, cliques and outcasts, etc.)**
4. **Gender and Sexuality in different cultures**
5. **Cults, Clans and Communities**
6. **Feral Children**
7. **Class conflict and inequalities**
8. **Racial segregation in cities**
9. **How women and men are presented in the media10.**
10. **Rights movements (civil, feminist, animal, political)**

**Research Paper**

**Grading Criteria**

1. Must find a relevant topic that connects to course concepts and relate this topic throughout the paper.
2. Paper needs to be a minimum 3 pages in content. Paper grade is reduced 25 points per page that is missing. For example: 2 content pages out of 3 (-25), 2.5 pages (-12.5).
3. Must use in-text citation throughout paper giving credit to your sources. For example: any sourced information whether it is a direct quote or summarized information must have in parenthesis (the author name, date and page number) there will be a point reduction for no in-text citation (-5).
4. Must have a reference page and a title page. Point reduction for no title page (-2) and point reduction for no title page (-2). NO abstract needed for either option.
5. Must have at least 3 academic references. Point reduction for missing one reference or reference used not academic (encyclopedia, textbook, online resource not academic). For example: (-3), missing two references (-6).
6. Need to have a conclusion that summarizes all main points presented throughout paper. For example: Point reduction for a vague conclusion (-3).

**Interview**

**Grading Criteria**

1. Must find a relevant subject that is not family. Compare and contrast the subject’s culture to your own as you conduct the interview. Review syllabus and research project information for exact requirements.
2. Paper needs to be a minimum of 2 pages in content. Paper is reduced 40 points per page that is missing. For examples: 1 content page out of 2 (-40), 1.5 pages out of 2 (-15).
3. Must have a title page and an appendix of questions posed to subject. Point reduction for no title page (-2) and point reduction for lack of appendix (-2).
4. Need to compare and contrast your culture to the culture of your subject’s and you must incorporate course concepts into your summary. Point reduction varies depending on lack of material provided.
5. Need to have a conclusion that summarizes all main points presented throughout paper. Point reduction for a vague conclusion (-2).