

# Senior Thesis

## essential understanding

Students will prepare for the post secondary schooling experience and participate in a long term action research project



## overview

Senior year of high school is an important transitional period for youth in our time and culture. Students are leaving childhood and growing into adults. Also students are ending mandatory education and making choices that will influence their journey through adulthood. This course is designed to assist students to prepare for college and life after high school. This course is also designed to assist students in the development and presentation of a long-term action research project which will serve as a culmination of their high school experience.

## Guiding Question 2: How do you conduct exceptional research for your senior thesis?

### lessons

- \_\_\_\_\_ How to conduct scholarly research
- \_\_\_\_\_ What are good sources (scholarly sources)?
- \_\_\_\_\_ How to create an annotated bibliography
- \_\_\_\_\_ Action Research
- \_\_\_\_\_ Senior Thesis Outline

### group work

*Due date December 10/11*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Peer Review Dialogue-** Students will dialogue on their thesis topics and research. Students will share questions, concerns and seek feedback from their class to help improve their senior thesis projects.

### individual work

*Due date Every Thursday or Friday of the quarter (except the last week)*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Research article summary (CRC)** – Students will submit a CRC (claim, reference, commentary) on an academic source related to their senior thesis topic every week. Students can use an academic source such as a book, academic website, research article or TED Talk. Within their CRC students will provide an MLA formatted citation of their source.

For citations: <http://www.citationmachine.net/mla>

*Due date November 15/16*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Action Research Concept Proposal-** Students will complete a concept proposal finalizing the concepts for the action (original) research element of their senior thesis project.

*Due date November 29/30*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Annotated bibliography-** Students will submit an annotated bibliography of their senior thesis topic.

Students will submit 6-10 sources in total. Students will submit 3-6 of their sources from a college level scholarly source.

Examples of academic scholarly search engines are:

-scholar.google.com

-jstor.org

-apa.org

-<https://core.ac.uk/>

*Due date December 6/7*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Final Topic Concept Proposal-** Students will submit their final senior thesis topic, thesis statement and detailed project summary.

### **assessment**

*Due date December 20/21*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Outline-** Students will submit a detailed 1-2 page outline of their senior thesis essay. Students will be provided with a template and examples to guide their outline.