UNESSAY + annotated bibliography

Instructions

For your final, you may choose to submit a traditional research paper (7-8 pages, 12pt font, double-spaced, 1-inch margins) OR an Unessay + annotated bibliography + reflection paper. Regarding form, the unessay project is very flexible, and it strives to highlight the interests and skills of each student. Unessays include (but are not limited to) art, music, creative writing, physical models, BuzzFeed lists/quizzes, video game design, graphic novels, documentaries, marketing campaigns, script writing, filmmaking, a Tumblr page, or any other creative way to demonstrate the student's research and understanding of course content.

While the unessay project promotes creativity, this assignment has a few requirements:

1. Presentation of proposal (in-class workshop - Tuesday, 29 March)
2. Submission of proposal on BB (due by midnight on Friday, 1 April)
3. Presentation of Unessay project (during class, Monday, 26 April & Thursday, 29 April. Sign up here.
4. Submission of completed Unessay on BB (due by 4:45 on Monday, 10 May)
5. Submission of annotated bibliography of at least 5 sources consulted while creating your Unessay on BB. At least 3 sources must be outside sources (due by 4:45 on Monday, 10 May)

Students can earn 1 bonus point by submitting (via email or a #tweet- @italyonscreen) a photo of them sharing their unessay with a friend, partner, or family member. Late submission of any portion of this assignment will result in a 5% deduction per day (for each late submission).

POTENTIAL UNESSAYS

25-Minute Podcast

- must submit notes/script
- must include at least three related topics to explore in future podcasts
- check out this resource: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aup6AOsIg-Q; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gZs1uY1d19Q

Wikipedia Page Revision

- must provide evidence that all sources and information on the current page were checked for validity (edited if necessary)
- must add at least 1500 words of new content with footnotes to bibliography
- check out these resources: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C7yXx3YbcNI; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T_k_VbCDm2

Zine (a self-published mini magazine)

- must include visuals and text
- must include at least 24 pages/panels

- check out these resources: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9lNUang4oMA; https://vimeo.com/18312616

Pop-Up (Music) Video Project (based on the VH1 television show)

- analysis of a (music) video not viewed in class with at least 20 annotated "pop-up" bubbles
- requires knowledge of EDIUS 6 software
- check out these resources: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pop-Up_Video; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fd29HRvOu_Q; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n6nv9rxAs84

Social Media Case Study

- analysis of a recurring theme/issue/debate featured on the social media sites of a particular person, organization, association
- requires submission of audiovisual media analyzed (Tumblr, PowerPoint, Prezi, flipbook, website)