Unit 6 Culminating Project: *Pop Culture Project*

**Due Date:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Total points:** 100

**Purpose:** The unit 6 culminating project is the last project of the school year for English 9 Honors. This project will give you an opportunity to illustrate your understanding of the literature taught throughout the unit and the school year. In addition, you will be able to further develop your sense of professionalism as you present your pop culture project to the class.

**Directions:**

1. Select an issue within our culture’s pop culture. The issue must illustrate the two primary universal themes from *Animal Farm*. [These universal themes are manipulation of ideas and corruption of power.] Issues within pop culture are not limited to, but may include the following:

a. Manipulation of Body Image

-Use of steroids

-Use of Photoshop/airbrushing within fashion/athletic magazines

-Eating disorders among celebrities

-Culture of fashion modeling

-Use of plastic surgery

b. Racism within Disney movies

c. Corruption within the NBA, NFL, MLB, NHL, etc.

d. Excessive materialism

e. Image of children within TV commercials, TV shows, movies, etc.

f. Marketing of fast food

g. Stereotyped gender roles in children movies

1. Complete ***Part II: Pop Culture Speech***. For the speech, you must incorporate a minimum of **one** visual aid into your presentation. Choose two visual aids from the list below:

a. PowerPoint Presentation, Poster board/Trifold, or Prezi Presentation

b. Physical items that define your issue within pop culture. These items could include pictures, music and/or video clips, props, etc.

c. Handout created for class members

1. Your presentation must include a minimum of **10** slides. Each slide will help to define the issue you choose to present. If you do not have access to a computer, you can use a poster board or trifold in order to present this information. The breakdown of each slide includes the following:

1. Your full name, date, block, teacher’s name, and title of project

2. Issue chosen from pop culture

3. Purpose and relevance of issue. In other words, why should people care about the issue you have chosen?

4. Facts/Statistics about the issue

5. Picture and examples [minimum of 2 examples and 4 pictures]

6. Connection to literature #1

7. Connection to literature #2

8. Connection to literature #3

9. How can we fix the problem? Is there hope?

10. Bibliography/Work Cited Page

1. You must dress up on the day you are to present your speech. Please wear professional attire, and come to class dressed your best.