

K. Research Assignment Part II

Instructions:

Now that you have written your Research Paper Part I, presented it and come to your own conclusions and maybe new questions, it is important to zero in on your research *project*. You are asked to deepen your question, to document a method of inquiry, then summarize it in a synopsis and create an artistic rendering of your findings.

Plan:

Find a **mentor**/advisor specializing in your research field. You may choose a SCC Faculty member who has experience or practice with your research topic or find someone working in your field of interest.

Give your mentor a copy of your project proposal and Research Paper Part I and discuss your practical ideas of pursuing your research with your advisor/mentor, making sure your question is clear, neither too narrow nor too broad in scope and that it can be addressed within the given time frame.

The completed 3rd year Research project includes:

Content: (this is a **synopsis** in contrast to the full text required in part 1)

- Your **name**, name of advisor or **mentor**.
- **Title** and purpose/leading **question**.
- Planned **method** of research: what will you **do** to prepare this research? This will be very individualized, whether you will take something into the classroom and create a tool to measure its effect, create a survey for a target population or even create and implement curriculum.
- **Introduction**: Give an overview of existing research or information (your first research project should provide the bulk of what you need here).
- **Method**: How your question was handled and documented. For example: "I interviewed a target group (defined) and documented response categories (describe how the question was evaluated in each case) or implement an activity and log specific categories of observation before, during and after.
- **Results** of your research: Describe the results of your process, including conclusions and realizations based on reflections and summary of information gathered. These may include quantitative and qualitative descriptions.
- **Visual/Artistic piece**: Work on an artistic expression of your findings

Written Synopsis (part 2)

A written synopsis/summary of your project is to be given to your mentor/advisor. The synopsis should be 3 - 5 typed and double-spaced pages and contain a summary of

your findings based on your practical research work since you wrote the paper. The synopsis includes the Research question, Methods used and Background material, Explanation of terms, if necessary, Overview of research done and your Discoveries/Conclusions and a Bibliography, References and Resources used. The 3-ring notebook/log will serve as a basis for your synopsis.

Presentation (parts 1 & 2)

The presentation is a verbal sharing of your project from the initial inspiration to the concluding thoughts and questions. It should be a maximum of 15 minutes presentation with visual/artistic/verbal and/or movement components. As you prepare, think about the following elements for your presentation: clarity of purpose (are you staying on track?), presence (speech, posture, gestures, pacing), overall artistic quality (visuals or other artistic components) and breathing (anecdotes, activities, pauses, tempo of presentation).

Questions regarding the Research project may be addressed to the Pedagogical Coordinator.