**Final Inquiry Research Project**

**First draft due:** DATE

**Scripted interview due:** DATE

**Final draft due:** DATE

**In the final 4 weeks of this class, you’ll build on the rhetorical and research skills that you’ve developed over the course of the semester to create a final research project.**

**This project could take one of many shapes. Some potential options:**

1. A traditional, formal research paper written in APA style
2. A researched letter (also written in APA style), which can take the shape of an expanded version of your first project
3. A researched project proposal suggesting a potential class, campaign, service, or some other project-based solution to the problem you’ve proposed and **targeted at an actual, existing grant**. This might take the shape of an expanded version of your Research Proposal and Annotated Bibliography.
4. A Kickstarter campaign (for journalism) or a GoFundMe campaign to raise money for a project accompanied bya researched, written rationale. **Note: you are not required to actually publish this campaign, but you can if you wish.**
5. An informative, persuasive video with a “call to action” accompanied by a researched, written rationale that explains how this helps to educate a group of stakeholders about a problem and a potential (set of?) solution(s) to the problem.
6. A researched guide for students, faculty, or another audience on how to do something. This could take multiple forms. Previous students have made (for example) a guide on understanding financial aid options and loans, a guide for faculty on how to make classes better for students with a particular disability, or a guide for international students on options that are available for winter and summer housing in the city.
7. An edited podcast or audio recording accompanied by a researched, written rationale that explains how this helps to educate a group of stakeholders about a problem and a potential (set of?) solution(s). Note: just as you wouldn’t do so for a paper, **do not simply present me with unedited tapes of interviews you conducted** -- you *must* shape and edit your work.
8. A script and slides for a formal presentation that you plan to give to a group of stakeholders AND a rationale that explains your plan.
9. Have another idea? Run it by me: I’m open to other formats.

**This project should:**

✅Articulate a clear, specific, appropriately narrowed, **local** (unless you’ve cleared this with me) problem in compelling and rich detail using “show-don’t-tell” techniques and rhetorical appeals

✅Interest, engage, excite, and persuade your potential stakeholder

✅Include a clear, specific, appropriately narrowed set of research questions that you set out to answer about a local problem

✅Include debatable PEAS claims supported by evidence and analysis (so, do the research you proposed in your Research Proposal)

✅Actually *answer* (or attempt to answer) some of those questions using research-based primary and secondary evidence to support the claims that you make

✅Use primary AND secondary research

✅Propose, if appropriate, a researched “solution” to the problem you’ve articulated (so, do the research that you proposed in your Research Proposal, and then come up with a solution to share with your stakeholder).

✅Address a clear, specific, accessible stakeholder or group of stakeholders who you could reasonably access (borrow from your Empathy Letter and Research proposal)

✅Be between 6-8 pages long, or the equivalent. If you do a presentation, a video, an audio recording, etc., your rationale needs to be about 3-4 pages long.

✅Be formatted in APA style (if appropriate). If you’re doing a multimedia project or something that can’t elegantly integrate APA, ensure that your rationale is in APA style instead.