

Valley Oaks Charter School
Senior Seminar Teaching Schedule
20-Week Plan

Week #	Weekly Topic	Resources	Pathfinder Pages	What is Due in Class	Class Date
1	Review senior seminar course objectives, outcomes, and expectations. Brainstorm topic ideas, examples of quality topics, Overview of a mentor and expectations	Pathfinder, Steps to a Research Paper, sample successful projects, Steps to doing pre-research	4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, and 11	N/A	1/13/2012
2	Narrow topic, what is a thesis statement, Letter of Intent, and conference with each student on topic ideas, Portfolio basics and grading rubric	Outside resources on what is thesis statement and how to write one, and portfolio grading rubric	16, 17, and 20	Topic List (1 strong and 1 alternate)	1/20/2012
3	Topic approval, conference with students, Letter of intent due next week, Research paper components (Approved thesis, research and note cards, research paper grading rubric)	Steps to a Research Paper Manual, and handouts on research paper, research paper grading rubric	18, 21, 22, 23, and 24	Approved Topic	1/27/2012
4	Continue with research paper basics (outline, rough draft, and final draft), Mentor reminders	Steps to a Research Paper Manual, and handouts on research paper	18, 21, 22, 23, and 24; 25 and 26	Letter of Intent	2/3/2012
5	Conference with students: Checkpoint on research, note cards, and portfolio check	Steps to a Research Paper Manual, and handouts on research paper	18, 21, 22, 23, and 24	Mentor contact information	2/10/2012
6	Re-teach outline basics using completed note cards, check student note cards	Steps to a Research Paper Manual, and handouts on research paper	18, 21, 22, 23, and 24	Working Thesis Statement Approved	2/17/2012
7	Re-teach how to write a rough draft from the completed outline, conference with students	Steps to a Research Paper Manual, and handouts on research paper	18, 21, 22, 23, and 24	Note Cards (80)/Bibliography	2/24/2012
8	Have students brainstorm project ideas, review outlines with students	Project handouts, display sample quality projects from past classes	12, 13, and 14	Progress Journal	3/2/2012
9	Introduce and review all project phase requirements. Review grading rubric for project.	Project handouts and grading rubric	12, 13, 14, 38 and 39	Outline	3/9/2012
10	Individual appointments covering rough draft corrections/modifications, conference with students on project	English teachers meet with each student to review rough draft, giving items to correct for final draft.	N/A	Rough Draft of Research Paper and Portfolio Check	3/16/2012

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11	Final research paper reminders and self evaluation forms, review presentation guidelines, expectations, and rubric	Presentation handouts and grading rubric, self evaluation forms for research paper	30 and 31	Task Analysis for Physical Project Page 39	3/23/2012
12	Collect final papers, conference with students: project checkpoint	Conference Form	N/A	<i>Final Research Paper and Self Evaluation Forms Page 31</i>	3/30/2012
13	Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break	4/6/2012
14	Review practice speech expectations and sign up for a practice time, last minute reminders for project and portfolio	Practice presentation handouts, schedule form	32, 33, 42, and 58; 43	Progress Journal	4/13/2012
15	Conference with students: Review draft of project and portfolio with each student. Students are completed self evaluations on project and portfolio during conference	Conference Form, self evaluation forms	44, 46, 47, 48, and 49	Rough Draft of Project	4/20/2012
16	Review final expectations for project and review draft of student portfolios	Project Rubric	N/A	Rough Draft of Portfolio	4/27/2012
17	Review final expectations for presentations and collect projects	Portfolio Rubric	N/A	<i>Final Project and Project Self Evaluation Form</i>	5/4/2012
18	Practice Presentation Week: No Official Class Individual Appt. Time	Speech Outlines and Rubrics	N/A	<i>Final Portfolio and Portfolio Self Evaluation Form; Speech Outline and Audio Visual Component Worksheet</i>	5/11/2012
19	Presentation Week: No Official Class Individual Appt.	N/A	N/A	Practice Presentations	5/18/2012
20	Presentation Week: No Official Class Individual Appt.	N/A	N/A	<i>Final Presentations</i>	5/21/2012-5/25/2012