

The Home

S t r e t c h

FINAL HIT LISTS and **Check Lists**
DMC&DMK Senior Seminar

The Home Stretch

✓ TODAY (March 25, 2025)

- ✓ Completion REQUIREMENTS
- ✓ Hit Lists & Check Lists
- ✓ Individual Meetings (today and beyond)

✓ WEDNESDAY , APRIL 1st (no foolin'): NO FORMAL CLASS – MEETINGS?

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8TH

FINAL-COMPLETE-POLISHED PROJECTS ARE DUE AT THE BEGINNING OF CLASS 1:30! HARD DEADLINE

✓ APRIL 15th & 22nd FORMAL PRESENTATIONS

✓ SAT MORNING APRIL 25TH 10-12:30 ACADEMIC SYMPOSIUM!

DEADLINES

Work backwards from APRIL 8TH

- SAT. APRIL 4-5TH → FULL PROJECT/CUT
- SUN. APRIL 5TH Helpful, FOCUSED, CONSTRUCTIVE FEEDBACK
- MON. APRIL 6TH: REVISIONS, RE-EDITS, & REFINEMENTS TOWARDS A FINAL PROJECT!
- TUES. April 7TH : FINAL FINISHING TOUCHES + POLISH + BACKUPS!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8TH → O:DRIVE
SUBMISSION INTO FINAL FOLDER

☺ NIGHT OF APRIL 8TH? LIFE IS GREAT! 🍸

Research-Creativity-EDUCATION!

1. This is an issue-based research study of national or international proportions.
2. The **issues and their LARGER SIGNIFICANCE** needs to be clearly explained (up-front-and center).
3. QUALITY ARGUMENTS & INNOVATIVE CURRENT FINDINGS
4. FOCUS ON FRESH, UNIQUE, INNOVATIVE, NEW!
5. Anyone VIEWING YOUR PROJECT should clearly understand WHY they should care NOW and into the foreseeable future.

...Ideally, it should make them care more!

A P R I L 8 T H

COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS: **What you'll turn in**

- **E~BOOK:**
 - ✓ FINAL E-pub or PDF or exports in the class folder O:DRIVE with ALL links VERIFIED ACROSS PLATFORMS
 - ✓ PRINTED COPY IN COLOR
 - ✓ NO PASSWORD PROTECTIONS/ACCESS NEEDED!
- **WEB:**
 - ✓ Published LIVE LINK (no password protections or access needed)
 - ✓ VERIFIED ACROSS PLATFORMS
 - ✓ O:DRIVE class folder of ROOT Folder and ALL FILES
 - ✓ YouTube Version of Video files
- **DOC FILM:**
 - ✓ Final Digital Version FULL RES 4K in Class folder O:DRIVE with ALL links VERIFIED ACROSS PLATFORMS
 - ✓ Individual Chapters (in separate folder)
 - ✓ YouTube Version
- **EVERYBODY TURNS IN HARD COPY OF THE FOLLOWING!** Hard copy of Sources, Citations, AND RELEASE FORMS which includes the following:
 1. List of Interviewees: Full Names, Titles, Organizations
 2. Still Images (BOTH YOURS AND ANY which are not your own)
 3. Moving Images (BOTH YOURS AND ANY which are not your own)
 4. Audio Clips (BOTH YOURS AND ANY which are not your own)
 5. Graphics (BOTH YOURS AND ANY which are not your own)
 6. Print Sources: Books, Articles, etc.
 7. Other materials: Data sets, surveys, timelines, conclusions, etc.
 8. CODING (Not yours)
 9. AI generated content OF ANY KIND (Chat GPT+)

What to CUT, ALTER or POLISH?

1. EDIT for **NEWSWORTHY INFORMATIONAL CURRENCY** and **EMOTIONAL IMPACT** in every CHAPTER! Especially at the beginning of the chapter/segment.
2. Edit for **NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL** audiences.
3. HIGH PRODUCTION VALUES: **STYLE** → **DAZZLE**
 - First impressions and “curb-side” appeal matters.
 - **STYLE-AESTHETIC**. Artistically and professionally designed.
 - The **LOOK**. It should look great! Spend the time to get the visual details right
4. **AUDIO!** → Clear, clean, FULL SOUNDING
5. **STRONG IMAGES THROUGHOUT!** **B-ROLL FOOTAGE!**
6. **EXCELLENT LAYOUTS + NAVIGATION** → **Sequences**
7. **TEXT/TITLES: NO CENTERED** or fully justified text
8. **READ, View and listen Across PLATFORMS!** **MAC, PC, iPhone, Android; CHROME, SAFARI, FIREFOX, EDGE, ...**

Work **F** → **L** → **O** → **W**

- ✓ The **LAST 10%** can make **90%** of the DIFFERENCE!
- ✓ **POSITIVE MENTAL ATTITUDE!** Manage your STRESS & emotions.
- ✓ Find a Good-CONSISTENT Work Space(s).
- ✓ Make time for **BREAKS** → **Eyes-Brains-Body** (Exercise, Sleep, Eat).

- ✓ **BACKUPS!!! x2...OR 3**
- ✓ Partner **hand-offs** → **CONSISTENT, UNIFIED, HOLISTIC VOICE**
- ✓ Get a strong-TRUSTED **outside editors**: **2nd or 3rd** set of eyes (outside SMC). Sensible & Wise.
- ✓ **GIVE THANKS!**

FINAL ELEMENTS

- ✓ HELPFUL RESOURCES + LINKS (end of project?)
- ✓ CITATIONS – End Notes
- ✓ BIBLIOGRAPHY
- ✓ CREDITS for films and web docs are in a different format
- ✓ THANK YOU! + OTHER ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
- ✓ DEDICATIONS?

