### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Capstone Project—Due Dates & Checklist

# Due September 23<sup>rd</sup>

- Organize journal (glue in necessary papers, decorate cover according to topic)
- o At least 7 entries in journal
- Completion of 2 service hours (preferably related to topic, but not required)
- Introduce yourself to your mentor (explain your topic and just say hi)
- 1 image related to topic glued into journal & write 1-2 sentences about what it means to you

### Due October 7<sup>th</sup>

Schedule appointment for first mentor meeting

### Due November 18th

- At least 24 MORE entries in journal
- Completion of 2 MORE service hours (must be related to topic)
- Held first meeting with mentor (according to previously scheduled appointment)
- At least 2 source cards (following research process taught in class) for research
- At least 3 fact cards for each source card
- 1 MORE image related to topic glued into journal & write 1-2 sentences about what it means to you

# Due December 7<sup>th</sup>

Schedule appointment for second mentor meeting

#### Due January 27th

- At least 24 MORE entries in journal
- Completion of 2 MORE service hours (must be related to topic)
- Held second meeting with mentor (according to previously scheduled appointment)
- Total of 5-6 source cards (following research process taught in class) for research
- At least 3 fact cards for each source card
- 1 MORE image related to topic glued into journal & write 1-2 sentences about what it means to you

## Due February 8th

Schedule appointment for third mentor meeting

### Due March 24th

- o At least 24 MORE entries in journal
- Completion of 2 MORE service hours (must be related to topic)
- Research paper COMPLETED and turned in (according to rubric to be provided at beginning of Cycle 3)

- Held third meeting with mentor (according to previously scheduled appointment)
- 1 MORE image related to topic glued into journal & write 1-2 sentences about what it means to you

### Due March 31st

Schedule appointment for fourth (and final) mentor meeting

# Due May 5<sup>th</sup>

- o At least 18 MORE entries in journal
- Completion of 2 MORE (last) service hours (must be related to topic)
- Held fourth and final meeting with mentor (according to previously scheduled appointment)
- 1 MORE image related to topic glued into journal & write 1-2 sentences about what it means to you
- Original, creative product COMPLETED (according to rubric to be provided at beginning of Cycle 4)
- Prepare 3-5 minute oral presentation about entire project (according to rubric to be provided at beginning of Cycle 4)

# May 16<sup>th</sup> Capstone Fair

- Display a NICE (preferably bound) copy of research paper
- Display original, creative product
- Give oral presentation to rotating groups of 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students
- Be prepared to answer questions regarding your research paper (defending ideas that you wrote about or explaining further with more examples and details)
- Display anything else you would like, in order to make your presentation/product more interesting and appealing