INDIVIDUAL BLOG (WORKING TOWARDS THE FINAL)

Now you’re going to further develop the subject you tackled in the ‘Future Vision’ segment of your midterm. You’re going to develop a research agenda, conduct a lot of research, work really hard, and create something terrific. All by December 21.

In order to do this, you will need:

A SPECIFIC RESEARCH AGENDA
(what is your field of interest?) (your topic must relate somehow to 3d digital design)
(what, specifically, do you want to learn, do, know in that field?)
(what question(s) do you want to answer?)
(why is your subject important—to you, to someone else, to a community, to the world?)
Develop a specific question you seek to answer. If your research agenda is too broad, you won’t be able to answer it except in a superficial way.

A DELIVERABLE
(how will you demonstrate that you’ve thoroughly explored the research subject?)
(how can you show your expertise on the questions you set out to answer?)
(how do you show that you can apply your newfound knowledge?)
Propose a specific, achievable, ambitious end product. Your deliverable must be a standalone piece; you cannot present it in person. It must exist in a format that can be accessed through your blog. Examples of deliverables include—but are not limited to—videos, web sites, how-to guides, business plans, objects, image portfolios, magazines, infographics, op-ed pieces, papers, lesson plans, grant proposals, & ???

A PLAN
(how will you get from where you are to where you need to be by December 21?)
(what steps do you need to take to answer your research question(s) fully?)
(what steps do you need to take to create your deliverable?)
Create a realistic timeline for your work with specific steps you must accomplish and dates by which you must accomplish them. Hold yourself to your timeline, and be prepared to deal with adversity, challenge, surprise, and growth. Be diligent. We are as interested in your process as we are in your product.

RESOURCES
(what has already been learned/done/discovered in this field?)
(what do you need to know in order to answer your question?)
(what do you need to do to create your deliverable?)
Conduct a review of existing research. Work with a reference librarian. Use primary resources and secondary resources. Be curious.

HOW DO I START???? IT’S EASY, TURN THE PAGE!
BY WEDNESDAY NOV 18: TWO NEW POSTS ON YOUR OWN BLOG.

The first post must include the following:

- Your specific research topic. You may phrase this as a question or a statement. This should be ~50 words.
- A description of the deliverable you plan to create. Again, ~50 words.
- A list of at least five specific steps or milestones on your journey from research question to deliverable. Each step must have a firm deadline associated with it. Spread your steps out over the next five weeks. Now you have a path to completing your work. As you move forward with your work, you will be documenting your process on your blog by writing a blog post that details your work to accomplish that step. Each post will appear by your deadline.

The second post must contain at least five resources that you’ll be consulting as you pursue your research. For each item, write a sentence or two discussing the resource’s relevance to your topic. As you move forward with your research, you will be adding to this post each time you consult a new resource. Use this post as an ongoing annotated bibliography.