A River Runs Through It

WRITING ASSIGNMENT

CONTEXT: The final project for our unit on *A River Runs Through It* will be a multigenre research paper. You will be working on this paper throughout the unit.

PURPOSE: The purpose of a multigenre research paper is to exhibit your understanding of genres and types of text through researching and writing on a specific topic. It will reflect your ability to read and review research in a critical way and will show your understanding of *A River Runs Through It* through your use of a variety of genres including prose, poetry, and even artwork. As a writer you will be able to use your individual vision and imagination to choose how you will present your ideas on the chosen subject.

AUDIENCE: Your peers will be asked to read and respond to a number of the genres you write. At the end of the unit you will give a formal presentation on your research. In addition, I will review and suggest changes throughout the unit and ultimately grade your final project.

STEPS FOR COMPLETION:
1. Choose a topic that you feel passionate about! Remember: It needs to keep your interest throughout the unit on *A River Runs Through It*. The topic should also tie into our discussion of *A River Runs Through It*. You could choose a character, a theme, a place, etc. that appears in the novel.
2. Your paper must consist of at least six (6) genres. You can not use the same genre more than twice.
3. Five (5) of those genres must be written; the remaining one (1) can be pictures, music, cartoons, etc. If you choose, all of the six (6) genres can be written.
4. Out of the six (6) that you choose to include as part of your paper, one (1) can be written, drawn, sung etc. *by another author besides yourself*. The other eight (9) genres must be your own.
5. The following genres are required:
   1. Interview
   2. Newspaper Article about your subject
   3. Essay (1500 words)
6. Each of the six (6) genres will be due on different dates. We will (hopefully during class time) peer review the genres. I will also read them, and give you a completion grade. I will have you correct and re-type what you have handed in, if there are errors. You will turn in each genre for your *completed final research paper*.
7. All written genres must be typed.
8. If you choose to include music, lyrics from the song must be typed, and you should include a copy of the song on tape or CD. If the song is unable to be recorded, then sheet music must be included.
9. With your project you will include a section entitled “rationale”.
10. The final page of the project will be a formal MLA style bibliography of citations to show where you found your information.

EXAMPLES OF GENRES:
1. Poems
2. Short stories
3. Journal/diary entries (real & imaginary)
4. Newspaper articles
5. Fantasy
6. Adventure
7. Science Fiction
8. Quotes
9. Dialogues and Conversation
10. Children's books
11. Telegrams
12. Songs and ballads
13. Documentaries
14. Interviews
15. Collages
16. Historical Stories
17. Resumes
18. Telegrams
19. Facts
20. Radio Scripts
21. Photos and captions
22. Plays
23. Letters (personal, persuasive, observations, informational, etc.)
ASSESSMENT
Your project will be graded in three stages.
1. As you write individual genres, they will be (a) peer reviewed and (b) edited.
2. Individual genres will then be submitted with the peer comments sheets to me for my comments.
3. The final project will be graded according to the Multigenre Rubric and against the criteria in this document.
MULTIGENRE RUBRIC