

Professor Ralph Boone created a three-part final assignment for his course entitled “The Idea of America” (LEH 110). Note that the second of the first two parts (provided in abbreviated form below) asks students to revise the former written assignment for a new audience and a new medium.

Final Project, Part I : A Typed Letter to a Friend or Relative

Purpose: To explain in a written personal story your understanding of one of the Bill of Rights Amendments.

Assignment: 1) Read again, The Bill of Rights; 2.) Select the one Bill of Rights Amendment that means the most to you; 3) Write a full 2-page letter to a friend or relative, explaining why the amendment you select is the most important; 4) Use either a personal experience or a contemporary news story to illustrate your chosen amendment and its complexities; 5) Sign your letter.

Final Project, Part II: A Video Letter

Purpose: To illustrate in movie form your understanding of the amendment you selected to write about in your letter.

Assignment: Take the letter you wrote to your friend or relative and turn it into a Video Letter. You will need to turn your Typed Letter into a script that you can then arrange into a video using IMOVIE. Select the images/pictures that best illustrate your letter. Proceed to choose the music you think appropriate for the mood you wish to create in your letter. Last record your script onto your video as a voiceover. The final product should be a fluid, coherent Video Letter meaning that each image is relevant to the script, music, and your voiceover reading.

- ❖ Length of the script: 100-200 words.
- ❖ Length of the Video Letter: 3-4 minutes.
- ❖ Images: You should have a minimum of 10. You may include a photo of you, your friend, or ANY picture that helps to illustrate the story you wish to tell to illustrate your amendment.
- ❖ Sound: Select the appropriate background music (rock, R&B, Rap, jazz, classical, etc, ...) that helps to tell your story.
- ❖ Voiceover: Record your own voice reading your script over your movie.
- ❖ Style: Feel free to use whatever style you think best tells your story: Realistic, Comic Book, Graphic Novel, Animation, etc...