

Champion Christian School Senior Synthesis Project

Introduction: All seniors at Champion Christian School are given the responsibility to interact with a world issue from a Christian perspective that is based on research. This project is designed to help students organize their Christian thought, define contemporary issues in the world around them and to articulate their viewpoints. This project must be met as part of the graduation requirements at Champion Christian School.

The project is designed to be worked on with a faculty advisor who will guide and direct the student as they develop their topic, do their research and put their ideas into a format that is most appropriate to be presented.

The end product of the assignment is an oral presentation in front of a panel of faculty and invited guests. Students will present their research that identifies factual information, public opinions, Christian thought based on a Christian worldview philosophy, biblical integration and political sensitivity that represents a contemporary world view outlook. Note that it is important that at least part of the topic is controversial and that the goal is not for students to provide “an answer” but to show their understanding of the various sides.

Requirements and Due Dates:

1. Topic must be approved by Dr. Skinner – due by the 2nd week of November

The topic must be relevant in a global context, researchable through the internet and media, and controversial with documented public, private and Christian opinions. In addition, the topic must be relatively current and specific. It should be one on which the student doesn't already have a preconceived opinion.

2. Research must be collected and submitted to the advisor – due the 2nd week of January

Students should research their topic in online and/or book form and provide at least 30 sources from varied newspapers, magazines and websites. Students should look for sources from different perspectives including the Christian perspective. Students should read these sources and provide a complete bibliography with links to online sources and copies of paper sources. Suggested sources include large news sources such as The New York Times, Washington Post, Chicago Tribune, CNN, FOX news and BBC; and magazines and journals such as U.S. News and World Report, TIME, Christianity Today, The Christian Science Monitor and WORLD magazine. Most of these websites have archives of articles from recent years on a huge variety of topics.

3. A core outline must be submitted to the advisor – due the 2nd week of March

The outline should define the issues, describe the sides and give the main ideas found in the research. The outline should also specify the Christian perspectives and biblical integration that will be discussed in the presentation.

4. Public and private opinions must be gathered and submitted to the advisor – due the 1st week of April

Students should do surveys, interviews and/or questionnaires to gather a good sample of different opinions about the topic. A one page report of the findings should be submitted to the advisor. Suggested sources of opinion include: faculty, students, church members, pastors, family members, business and/or community leaders. Students should interview at least 10 people.

5. Final Presentation – due the 3rd week of April

Students should work with their faculty advisor to prepare their presentation. The oral presentation should include visuals, (a power point is suggested,) and should be 10-15 minutes long with a period of question and answer from the panel to follow.