**“Summer School” Project**

**Mr. McCarron**

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Today you’ll begin planning and producing the first project of the semester. Here are the requirements.

**Topic**

Using any medium of your choice, describe in detail THREE important lessons you learned

this summer.

**Mediums (format)**

You will have the freedom to use any form of expression you want, as long as your finished product doesn’t need too much explanation if left on its own. However, if you do select a more abstract approach, don’t worry, cause there is a sharing component to this activity.

**Due Date**

These projects are due on Wednesday, September 7, so use your class time productively to avoid having HW over the long weekend. Also be prepard to share your lessons in small groups of four next week.

**Lesson Ideas**

Define “lesson” as broadly as you want. These events may have had a profound impact on you or your family, or maybe they just affected you in the moment. These experiences or realizations could be based on observations you made or actually have involved you.

Here are a few random ideas that come to mind:

* You realized the importance of family after your uncle…
* Social media is both a curse and a blessing.
* Taking risks are almost always worth the rewards
* Kids are dumb; cats are dumber
* Despite the rise of Trump, American’s are pretty cool
* I have the ability to make new friends
* Guys are jerks!
* Relationships take time to build, but only a moment to destroy
* The Yukon is more beautiful than we often realize
* People are good

**Learning Outcome #1**

* Students will clearly and confidently share their personal insights in small groups, utilizing strong tone and language, and effective body language.

To earn 4/4 we need to see: clear and concise explanations, solid voice projection, a summary of the lessons with detailed elaboration, eye contact and confident body language (turned shoulders, head up, proper gesticulations and facial expressions), evidence of planning and some thought might be nice

**Learning Outcome #2**

- Students will creatively use any method of presentation to exhibit information, learning, and/or observations. The finished product should reflect 3-7 days of work and utilize appropriate colours, timing, language, transitions, music, shading, fonts etc.

To earn 4/4, you’ll need to consider what constitutes a reasonable amount of work completed in two classes plus.

1. Power point = you own pics, three lessons = one page of writing per plus an extra pic for each?
2. A poem or spoken word piece? 20 lines, passionate in content and vivid in details and imagery?
3. Collage = three main lessons with a few pics each, organized in a way that reflects how they are related (chronological, triangle)
4. A video! A movie trailer depicting the lessons learned, using actual voice samples from Nic Cage, John Travolta, and Harry Styles!
5. Mock Journal Entries. Half a page each, typed using special cursive font on dyed paper?
6. A short story. Write a sensational story about a fictional character who learns the exact same lessons as you this summer!
7. Interpretive dance. 2 mins long. Three genres of music. Let it flow. Let it go. Let us know. Let us grow.
8. Any other ideas?

Here are some examples to consider.