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**Wiki PROJECT**

Over the course of the year, you will be working on an ongoing wiki project. This work will be loosely divided into four phases, one for each grading quarter.

**The Issues:**

As we have discussed, literature about the future is often used as a form of social criticism. Some of the most common social issues addressed in these works include the following:

* Environment
* Government
* Technology
* Biotechnology/Genetics
* Inequality (race, gender, etc.)
* Religion
* War

Through your wiki, you will explore one of these issues. This focus will inform your selection of independent reading books as well as the topic of your research paper.

**Overview of the Phases:**

Phase 1: Focused Inquiry (second quarter/third quarter)

* During this phase, you will select one of the seven issues on which to focus, and will read 2 (CP) or 3 (Honors) books that address your selected issue.
* Your wiki will function as your dialectical journal for these independent texts.

Phase 2: Research Paper (third quarter)

* During this phase, you will use what you have learned in the first half of the year to develop a research question, conduct research, and compose a research paper addressing some facet of your issue.
* You will write about the research process, and will publish your findings and final paper on your wiki.

Phase 3: Senior Portfolio (fourth quarter)

* During this phase, you will synthesize and reflect upon the work of the first three quarters.
* Your wiki will function as your senior portfolio, which will feature highlights from earlier work as well as additional, reflective compositions.

At the end of the quarter, you will receive a 100 Point “major assessment” grade based on your wiki.

In addition, you will receive a homework grade each week – so don’t procrastinate!