# **Final Project**

Overview

Students will be able to:

* Discuss controversial issues in education from multiple viewpoints in both a paper and a presentation.
* Analyze the research from multiple sources in order to make supported conclusions and form educated opinions on a controversial topic in education.
* Synthesize knowledge of educational foundations and philosophies, including historical and philosophical perspectives from various theorists, in order to shape and present opinions on modern education topics.

**Paper Requirements:**

* 5-7 pages (if working with another student, at least 7 pages) double-spaces, APA format (see APA sample paper for help with formatting: [https://owl.english.purdue.edu/media/pdf/20090212013008\_560.pdf)](https://owl.english.purdue.edu/media/pdf/20090212013008_560.pdf%29)
	+ NOTE: Page count DOES NOT include your title page and references page
* Present the link between your issue and the historical and philosophical foundations of education you have learned about this semester – in other words, connect what you now know about the roots of education to your current issue. How does it relate? What philosophies pertain most to this issue?
* Present each side of the issue and provide at least three facts/sources on both sides.
* Discuss your own opinion and position on the issue based on what you have researched, and your own personal philosophy of education.
* Use at least 5 sources from outside scholarship and literature in education to support your goals. These can include our textbook, scholarly journals, trade magazines, and blog articles found online.
* You must cite all references in APA style (see <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/1/> for help).
* Please review grammar and spelling usage. If you need help, please visit the Writing Lab.

**Presentation requirements:**

* Each student will be able to present their issue and position in a 5-10 minute presentation.
* Present how your issue ties in to philosophies of education that we’ve learned about.
* Present all sides of the issue and how you came to your opinion on it.
* Use visuals, such as but not limited to a PowerPoint or Prezi slideshow (be creative) – there is no specific slide limit, but your visuals should complement your presentation well.
* Avoid reading directly from your slides while presenting – give us what you know, and let the visual aids work for you
* Refer to the rubric to guide your presentation and paper development

# **Final Project (20%) Outline (Items You Must Have in Your Paper)**

(One student as least 5 pages, 2 students at least 7 pages)

## You should have at least 5 Resources/References. Missing references and errors in APA, as well as spelling and grammar, will impact your grade!

Use this worksheet as a guide to help you plan your project.

# **Overview of what your current educational issue/argument is about. Possible topics might include homework, testing, educational standards, health and wellness issues such as whether schools should have longer recess or emphasis on sports, multicultural and bilingual education issues, special education issues such as inclusion versus self-contained classrooms. Plenty of other topics are out there – think about what appeals to you and what you are interested in studying.**

## **The link between the issue and the historical and philosophical foundations of education learned in class and from reading (i.e., how does your topic relate to what we learned from our text and discussions in class?):**

## **1 side of the opinion supported by at least 3 different kinds of evidence and different people:**

## **The other side of the opinion supported by at least 3 different kinds of evidence and different people:**

## **My position – Rationales for My position and my philosophical stance:**