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Handout

RENEWABLE ENVIRONMENTS: TRANSFORMING URBAN NEIGHBORHOOD PAPER GUIDE

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Sociologists often look at social issues in a particular city. This part of your research project will look like a term paper. However, rather than rely on library and internet sources you are also going to city offices, community groups, and other direct sources like government documents, newspaper clippings, maps and historical information.

TOPIC: It is important to use sociological framework and tie in what we've covered this semester on urban life, city problems, planning, sprawl, special populations, etc. Use a sociological focus and insight. So, the use of concepts and terms from the class material is needed such as social class, calculus of risk, ecology of risk, integral neighborhood, etc. You can include material from lectures and readings for the framework that will begin your paper. Your topic will also be included as part of your team's background for the team video.

However, your paper will be on that area you want to focus on and go into in more detail.

FORMAT There are 3 main parts to a paper--the introduction, the body, and the summary/conclusion. [The Borzoi Handbook for Writers (Crews, Schor) or similar book is a great resource to help you prepare a paper.]

[1] In the introduction the problem or focus of the paper is given. Identify your topic clearly at the start of the paper. This forms the basis for your further work, so you want the reader to be confident he/she is aware of what it is you'll be covering. Furthermore, what is your thesis? For example, "This paper covers the problems of teens in formerly homeless families" is a **topic**. The next sentence is a **thesis** statement. "Based on my research it became clear that the youth associated with the APC benefit from being in a "social convoy" that supports them and gives them 'resilience despite risk.'" (Fitzpatrick and La Gory, p. 177.)

[2] The body forms the main part of the paper and major points are discussed in turn. As each new point is discussed the reader should be notified with clear introductory sentences, headings, or both. Preparing an **outline** of main paragraphs is critical to help your organization.

[3] The paper ends with a summary and conclusion section, similar in length to the introduction. Here you tie together the ideas and main points that were covered in the previous section. You then conclude with what you learned from writing the paper, referring back to your topic.

I will set up individual appointments to look at your topic, thesis, and outline. We will also meet to look at rough drafts as needed. THESE ARE MANDATORY.

TECHNICAL DIRECTIONS

The paper must be typed or printed with legible ink. A cover page is necessary. Use 1 inch margins and number the pages. CHECK FOR GRAMMAR, SPELLING, AND TYPING ERRORS. POINTS WILL BE TAKEN OFF FOR ERRORS. No extra spaces between

paragraphs. BE SURE TO CITE ALL THE SOURCES YOU USE...NOT JUST DIRECT QUOTES.

CITATIONS: In the text citations are incorporated in parenthesis (An example for citations and references is not reproduced here) Your reference sources go at the very end.

Week 6 10/7 The Social Control of Urban Space

Tuesday Who "Owns" space, Informal vs. Formal control. Unhealthy Places Ch 5 Cities as Mosaics of Risk and Protection

Thursday NAS Ch. 2 Land Use Element **EXAM I GIVEN OUT, REVIEW.**

Week 7 10/14 Urban Sacrifice Zones

Tuesday Environmental Racism, Does It Apply To Alameda? Urban Sprawl Ch 4 The Persistence of Racial Inequality

Thursday **EXAM I DUE** Full Day In Field

Week 8 10/21 Urban Divisions and Conflict

Tuesday Is a Growing Gap in Economic Groups Inevitable?

Thursday Urban Sprawl Ch 3 Poverty and Inequality, Unhealthy Places Ch 6 and 7 Special Populations in the City.

Week 9 10/28 Urban Renewal

Tuesday Recycling Blighted Urban Spaces. Speaker

Thursday [Video](#) The New Urban Renewal

NAS Ch 3 City Design Element

Week 10 11/4 Urban Design and Planning

Tuesday Multidisciplinary Approaches to Cities

Thursday Urban Sprawl Ch 5 Transportation, NAS Ch 4 Transportation Element

Week 11 11/11 Urban Policy

Tuesday The Role of the Government Urban Sprawl Ch 6 Washington and Sprawl

Thursday Government, Urban Sprawl Ch 9 Politics and Regionalism

Week 12 11/18 Urban Changes

Tuesday Case Studies [On line Research on Urban Projects]

Thursday Urban Sprawl Ch 8 Planning a Sustainable City, Ch 10 Chicago **PAPER DUE**

Week 13 11/25 Planning Futures

Tuesday Social Justice, Who Benefits from Change?

Thursday Unhealthy Places Ch 8 Health Promotion, Urban Sprawl Ch 12 Equity and the Future.

Week 14 12/2

Tuesday Change in Alameda Reality or Fantasy??

Thursday NAS Ch. 9 Implementation Strategy and Ch 10 Implementation Plan **EXAM II
GIVEN OUT, REVIEW**

Week 15 Finals