

PTYS 442/542 – Mars
Homework #3 – Assigned 3/8, due Friday 3/13

1) Class Project

By the time this homework is due, we'll be about half of the way through the course. If you haven't already, it's time to devote some thought as to what your class project is going to be.

Write a short description of what you'd like to do for your class project. I'm only looking for about one short paragraph here, but you should lay out what you want to do and its relevance to the course material.

I don't expect anyone to sign their name in blood (although you certainly could if you wanted to). Laying out an idea doesn't commit you to doing this for your project later, but this is a chance to get the slowest part of the process (i.e. deciding on what to do) out of the way before things get crazy at the end of the term. You should treat this like any other homework problem; talk about it amongst yourselves (and to us) if that will help. Points are given for how well thought out the idea is.

The advice I'll give up front is to pick something that sounds interesting to you without consideration of how difficult/easy you think it will be. Once you identify the problem you can always break off a manageable chunk that will be enough (and not too much) for a class project.

As a reminder, for the final project at the semester's end:
For undergraduates (442), this project may be a (thorough) literature review of a chosen topic. For graduate students (542), it should also contain original research or critical analysis.

The turnaround requested here is fast. Please submit your written ideas by Friday the 13th.