

# Senior Project: Life Book

English 4

Spring 2019

## Overview

Your final project for English 4 is to capture your life experiences in a personal work of literature by making a book using both writing and images. This will be your high school “Life Book.” The point of this project is to create an artifact of value to you in the years ahead, something that shows your history and perspective as you launch yourself into an independent life. This is a big milestone for you: it is good to contemplate the past as you prepare for the future.

## Requirements

The requirements are simple. Select twenty pictures and print or paste them onto sheets of paper. For each picture, write a label that sums it up in a short sentence, then include a more meaningful caption that describes the picture and its story. Write as if your audience is your future self – you upon discovering this book in a box in your attic fifty years in the future, when your memories of high school are mostly, if not almost entirely, forgotten (this will happen).

I will grade this based on fulfillment of the requirements and the evidence of aesthetic value you place in the book. At this point in the course, you know what it means to make something literary: strive to perform this maneuver in your work.

## Work Time and Deadline

You will have some time to work on this in class but it is impossible to complete this project without doing work on your own. I cannot print pictures or text for you. I have limited materials to exercise your creativity: be resourceful.

The deadline for this book is at the end of Senior Exams, June 3. This allows you to include your senior week activities if you like, but it also means you have to get them to me somehow after classes end. I recommend leaving them in my box at the front office. Of course, you are welcome to turn them in early.

No matter what, if I don’t have a life book from you by June 8 when I check my box after school, I will enter an “F” for your final exam grade in power school. This is non-negotiable.

*Enjoy this. It’s my intention to send you off with a meaningful, interesting, and worthwhile project. You may not understand this now, but this life book will become incredibly meaningful as you age. The more seriously you take this assignment, and the more fun you have with it, the more you will thank yourself in the future.*