

## Feedback on Papers

- Nice variety of topics
- Topic choice did seem to influence enjoyment of the project
- Need to pay attention to details of an assignment ahead of time
- Many students did cope with setbacks well, others found the need to make excuses. Please don't do this. It's a 1 page paper! You could start the whole thing over and still have time to do something fun!
- Please don't cheat—cutting and pasting.
- Do not come in late to school or leave school without giving me a paper; it will be considered late.
- Explaining the rubric.

### More specific problems:

- No "I" in this paper
- Don't switch point of view "you" to "they" for instance
- Don't be vague with your word choices
- A lot is two words if you must use it at all
- Errors with possessive nouns! Grrrrrrrr
- Pay attention to subheadings. Must connect to main idea and items within that category must agree with heading. Don't jump around within sections.
- Avoid contractions in formal writing
- Consider your audience and don't state the obvious
- Don't repeat yourself—only 1 page!
- Refine your topic. If you find it is not fitting on page, a subtopic might become your big topic.
- Read your own writing more than once!
- Don't start sentences with a number
- Dense chunks of text might look better broken up
- Use the tools available to you. For example, Easybib, Microsoft templates, extra help sessions...
- Plan on problems!!!!