CMI 231  HISTORY OF ANIMATION  
FINAL RESEARCH ASSIGNMENT

For the Final you have a choice - you can take an exam or you can do a research paper or project on a person, topic, innovation, movement, or area of interest within the field of Animation. This assignment gives you a chance to find out more about something we covered and to relate it to current history or to investigate something we did not cover but that you’re interested in. Again, YOU WILL CHOOSE the EXAM or TO DO A PAPER OR A MULTIMEDIA PROJECT (POWER POINT or VIDEO/ORAL PRESENTATION). A note that I would love to see some of the PowerPoints be on 3D animation, and/or Japanese or contemporary work. We are often short on time to cover these topics and I know people are interested in them and have lots of information and insight.

DUE DATE: Thursday, APRIL 30 (our last day of class)
Topics, Thesis Statements, and Outlines Due: THURS. APRIL 16
ROUGH DRAFTS DUE: Tuesday APRIL 23

* GUIDELINES

PowerPoint or other presentations must also integrate research and be no longer than 10 minutes. These will be presented during the second half of the Final period, the first half will be the Exam.

Papers should be 3-5 pages long, 6 pages maximum PLUS a separate page for your sources. Text should be double spaced and proofread thoroughly. MLA format should be used for citations.

Your project should include enough factual or documented information to demonstrate an understanding of your subject but also your insight, opinion, and analysis. I’m interested in what you are prompted to think in response to your experience in the class as well as your research.

Sources MUST be noted in the text as well as listed at the back of the paper, on a separate works cited page. If you choose to do a project, citations must also appear. I will provide the MLA format for documenting sources and ask everyone to follow it, whatever the final form of their assignment.

Care should be taken with grammar and punctuation. Words should not be misspelled and your work should be proofread.

One or two images may be included within papers for illustrative purposes but should not be larger than ¼ of a page in size. The source of any image should be noted below it.

* TOPICS  Topics and theses are due as noted above and must be approved by me. Please do NOT start your actual paper until your topic and approach has been approved.

* HELP

Be in touch with any questions or if you are having trouble generating ideas for your project. The Library has also constructed a Module/Library Guide for this assignment:  
http://nmsu.libguides.com/cmi231