**Student Farm**

*It’s the end of the world as we know it! A global pandemic has ravaged the human population and decimated our cities. Technology systems have collapsed and survivors must quickly ban together to preserve what remains of the human race. You and a group of like-minded individuals have fled to a rural farm where you will be safe from any lingering infection. But you quickly realize that the danger is not over. It now lies with you and your fellow survivors: humans in a world with no laws. To stave off the threat of anarchy, a government must be formed.*

**Your Assignment**

* The farm where you have sought shelter is comprised of an extremely eclectic group of survivors, and so you will be assigned a random group (3 to 4 classmates) who must work with you to create a set of laws to govern your farm.
* Section I: The Philosophy
  + For the first section of this project, your group must decide which philosophy of government to embrace on Student Farm. One member of the group is assigned to write a five paragraph essay, addressing each of the following questions: Why do governments exist? What is the purpose of your government? How should a government be structured?
* Section II: The Process of Government
  + Think of this section of your project as a constitution. You must prepare a document that describes how your government will function. Divide this portion of your project into sections (e.g. the US Constitution is divided into seven sections called articles). Consider questions such as the following: How are leaders chosen? How is power divided? Can leaders be removed from their offices? Is there a justice system? A defense system (a.k.a. militia or military)? Etc… This should be a minimum of five paragraphs.
* Section III: The Laws
  + Create a list of at leave five “commandments” to address probable problems on Student Farm (use your imagination). These laws should reflect the style of government you have opted to use. For example, an authoritarian dictatorship will likely have many very specific commands, while a pure democracy’s commands may be more concerned with protecting freedoms. For each law, write one paragraph (minimum of four sentences) explaining the commandment, the reasoning behind it, how it will be enforced, and any exceptions to the commandment.
* While this is a group project and you must work together with your peers to design your society, each person is given an individual composition grade for their section of the project. So you decide as a group what type of government and laws you wish to create, but you are responsible to write your own five paragraphs.
* Extra Credit: Map and/or a short story\* about your Student Farm. Extra credit will be applied to those who work on it. More than one member of the group may work together on the map, or you may co-write the story (unless you are in a group of four and one individual has been assigned to write the story for their composition grade).
* Rough drafts (in composition book): due Tuesday, February 14th

**Final Draft Requirements**

* Put a title and your name on your individual section of the project
* On the due date, all sections of the project should be stapled together in the order above
* Final drafts should include a coversheet with the name of your farm and the names of all group members
* If typed, use standard MLA formatting: double spaced**,** Times New Roman, font size 12, one inch margins
* If handwritten, use your nicest, neatest cursive
* Due Thursday, February 21st