Agenda: Monday, 8/3

• 1st: Book Pass

• 2nd: Orientation in Auditorium w/ Admin

Agenda: Tuesday, 8/4

- B101
 - Preliminary research for 2 topics

Agenda: Wednesday, 8/5

- Choosing a topic
- Proposal Writing

The Research Proposal

- Look back at the Senior Paper handout on page 3
- Your short proposal MUST include the following information:
 - 1. Your purpose for writing this paper. What will you examine and why is it a problem for your generation?
 - 2. Does your problem pose a problem for future or past generations? Explain.
 - 3. Your plan for becoming an expert on your topic.
 - 4. Propose a possible solution to your problem. What barriers might you find in the solution you have proposed?
 - 5. What do you expect to find in your research?
- Let's look at the example.
- Due @ end of period: written proposal addressing all three parts above.

 Some university instructors complain that incoming freshmen are inadequately prepared for the demands of college-level research tasks. This is probably due to a failure of communication between high school and college instructors and administrators. This research project will examine the existing literature concerning the research habits of high school and college students and will also present original data collected from the examination of hour first-year college English courses and four senior-year high school English courses. This research and its conclusions will seek to adequately prepare their students for the rigors of college courses. By isolating the skills in which students most need improvement, this project will assist high-school instructors and administrators to plan and teach more effective English courses.

Agenda: Thursday, 8/6

- Research Main Ideas
 - Due by 8:00
- Pictures
 - 1st: Gym @ 8:05
 - 2nd: Gym @ 8:55

Main Ideas for Research

- Write 5 main ideas for researching your topic.
- OR, write a combination of main ideas and questions.
- Examples:
 - Topic: The American Flag
 - Main Idea #1: US Flag Etiquette
 - Main Idea #2: the first US flag
 - Main Idea #3: design of the flag
 - Main Idea #4: challenges to the US flag
 - Main Idea #5: Historic and current flags
 - Question #1: Who made the first US flag?