**1st Year Experience Film Festival**

**Learning Outcome**

Students will reflect on their first semester as a college student

**Instructions**

Students will make a 5-7 minute film on their first semester at the University of Memphis. Students can explore their successes/challenges, advice for incoming freshmen, or anything else that would be pertinent to the subject.

In early October, you should poll your students to see who has knowledge or the ability on how to edit videos (usually each class will have 4-5 students who can do this). Those students who volunteer this information will be team leaders for the Film Festival Project.

Based on the number of students who know how to edit videos, this will be the total number of teams who will be producing a video (for example: in your class of 25, five identify that they can edit videos.

Therefore, you will have five groups of five:
- Randomly assign students to each group
- Set a time limit of 5-7 minutes per video
- Use project preparation date (Week 13) for them to shoot videos
- Set boundaries on what is acceptable in the videos (ie: no profanity)

For the Final Project Presentation you will hold a film festival with students able to vote on their favorites. You can have the teams explain their videos and why they chose their specific focus.