Satire Project

It’s time to try your hand at creating satire! Remember, types of satire can also be classified according to the object it addresses: political satire (directed at the behavior of politicians and vices of political systems), satire of everyday life (criticism of how we currently live our lives in this society), and philosophical satire (highlighting vices inherent to mankind). Use your own style, sense of humor, and opinions to create an informed and humorous piece!

Your satirical piece can take a variety of forms:
- A satirical piece of writing (read articles from [http://www.theonion.com](http://www.theonion.com) to give you ideas for political pieces)
- A satirical cartoon
- An ORIGINAL parody (written song lyrics) of a well-known song
- A skit or video (similar to the fake newscasts on “Saturday Night Live’s Weekend Update.
- Have another idea? Discuss it with your instructor to get approval.

Key Aspects of this Project to Keep in Mind When Planning:
1) Be knowledgeable about the topic, people, and point of view involved. Do any needed research to shape your opinion and help you express it more clearly. Know the MESSAGE or POINT you want to convey to your audience.
2) Be appropriate! Horatian satire is meant to amuse, not ridicule (Juvenalian). Use gentle, mild, and light-hearted humor, not abrasiveness and contempt.
3) Prepare a high-quality presentation. If you are doing written work, attend to grammar, usage, and mechanics. If you are doing artwork, make it your best drawing with lots of visual interest. If you are producing a skit or video, get in character and use strong speaking skills.
4) Be prepared to share your work with your peers and answer any questions they may have.
5) Be ORIGINAL.