Assignment No. 1

The first assignment is to put together a paragraph or two about your proposed project, or the project you are seriously thinking about.

Summarize the project, give it a name, and include an image which helps to further convey something significant about the situation or place and then turn in one well-composed page at the beginning of class on Tuesday Oct.7 at 12 in Rm. 231. We’ll post them and everyone will have 5 minutes to present their work.

Note the two stars on the class schedule. These denote that something is due.

Usual questions:

What if I am considering more than one possible project at this time?

It’s a little late for this, but do a page for each of them as a way of helping you decide. If you keep it to a page, I think you will find that it is possible to focus on what is essential and not be burdened by more work than is necessary.

Can I talk to you about the project?

Of course, but do your Project On a Page first. It will help you to formulate your thoughts, and it will be much easier for you to be able to discuss what you have in mind after you have done some preliminary work. The object here is to give you a number of rounds of practice throughout the term in saying succinctly what you are doing until you get really good at it.

So, I’ll ask each one of you for about a five minute report on what you think you’ll be doing. If everyone is careful to keep their reports brief and to the point, we can easily hear from everyone and all have a good idea of the kinds of projects and places being chosen this year.

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Project On a Page (1 page w/ illustration) is only the first “official” submission of a description of your project. Mid-term is the second (around 10+ pages - a piece of cake if you have images and maps etc.). End of term in your Project Notebook is the third (somewhere around 20 pages or whatever it takes). The Notebook is intended to be built and revised as we go along so that you don’t have a burdensome 20 page paper and illustrations to produce at the end of the term.