

Senior Project Thunderdome: TWO IDEAS ENTER! ONE IDEA LEAVES!



Yeah, see Master Blaster there? That's your crappy senior project idea that's about to have its butt kicked out of the dome.

See Mel Gibson? That's your winning idea. Tough, strong, and agile. With flowing hair.

Senior Project may sometimes feel like a post-apocalyptic wasteland. Let's make sure only the strongest idea goes forward.

Thunderdome: Group Combat

Now you're going to make your final determination. Yep, it's time to decide. For some of you, this will probably be pretty easy. For others, more of a challenge. Luckily, your awesome classmates are here to help you!

1. **Group Up:** Get into a group of 4 people. I will count you off so that you're with people you haven't already talked to a ton about this.
2. **Share Your Two Ideas:** Talk about your two ideas with your group. Make sure that you talk about the direction your research would probably take, as well as your potential project ideas.
3. **Group Gives Feedback to EACH Idea (you should take notes while this is happening):**
 - a. What are some things the student needs to think about to tackle this topic successfully?
 - b. Do you have suggestions for making the research topic/question more specific/focused?
 - c. What kind of support (people, financial, other?) will the student need to successfully tackle this project?
 - d. What concerns/feedback/ideas do you have to help the student further develop this project idea?
4. **Group Gives Final Feedback**
 - a. Ultimately, which idea do you think is strongest? Think about both the research/thesis component and the project component. Consider depth, interest, viability, ambition.
5. **Repeat for Each Group Member**

Thunderdome: Individual Combat

After your group has considered each idea, now it's time for you to reflect and make the final call.

What are the main pieces of feedback you received from your Thunderdome team?

1.

2.

3.

Based on this feedback, how has your project/research idea changed or evolved?

Research Question:

Project Idea: