

Sophomore Seminar Class notes October 13, 2008

Three possible prizes at the end of the year:

- 1) May 1, 2, 2008 McNair/EIP Conference at the HUB: Opportunity to Present your research via poster.
- 2) If your research proposal is really really good perhaps win a \$1,000 research grant via EIP.
- 3) If your research proposal is really really really good SROP fellowship/internship.

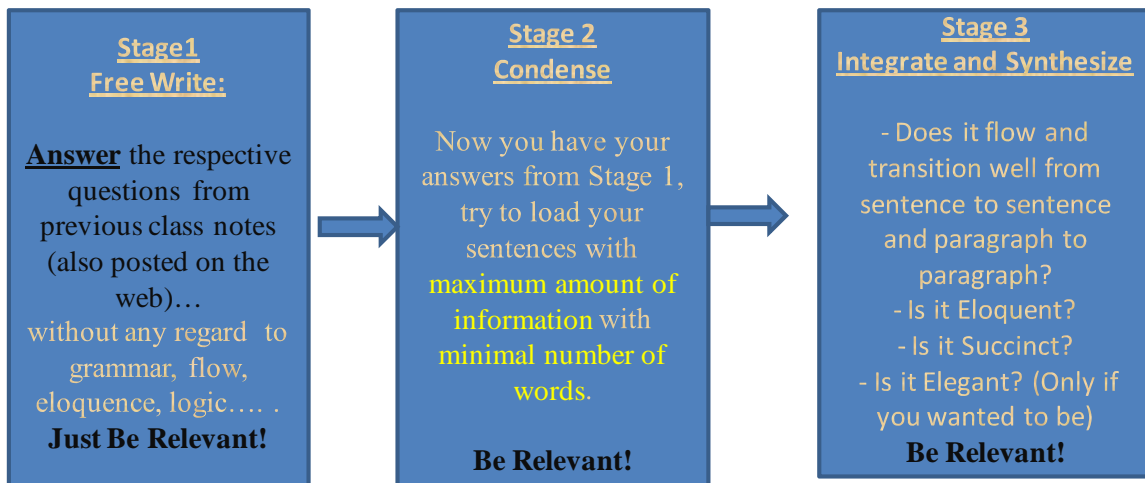
Some of the Admission and Funding elements for Graduate School

- ❖ GPA/Course Work/Transcript
- ❖ GRE
- ❖ Letters of Recommendations.
- ❖ Statement of Purpose.
- ❖ Work Experience/Undergraduate Research Experience.
- ❖ Fit with Program.

Dr. Sandra Joshel:

- ❖ Who do you admit?
- ❖ Who do you fund?
- ❖ What is your research methodology as a historian?

Three Stages of Writing:



- *What is your research question/claim?*
- *How are you going to answer your question? ---research method(s).*
- *Anticipated results?---hypothesis---what is your theoretical framework?*
- *Previous research related to your research (bibliography if there are lit reviews) - --this answers for us the "**based on what?**" question...in your claim.*
- *Why is this research important?---this answers for us the "**so what?**" question. What are you planning to do once you find the answers to your question?*
- *What are some of the salient/distinctive feature(s) of the research that makes it yours and yours alone? Does it confirm, complement, or challenge, previous findings? Or are you the true pioneer in research where you are going where no one has gone before???*