Developing your Capstone with Facts and Purpose Due October 1st

As we head toward Milestone #1 (October 8th)...

Now is the time to sharpen your Capstone topic and plans. The purpose of this exercise is to refine your ideas through a critical review process. **In order to do so**, you must now reflect deeply and critically on the reasons and facts that you have used to formulate your statement before you can plan. Start by asking yourself questions and truthfully critiquing your work.

Review your most current work for bias, presumptions, mythologies.

Read this article: **[Why We Believe Obvious Untruths](#)**

Watch this video **Hacking Your Mind.**   https://pbs.org/video/living-on-auto-pilot-5p5jct/

1. **Critically reflect on how your ideas may be based upon biases, assumptions, and mythologies.**
2. **Revise your statements** to be more precise, reduce bias to formulate a statement of purpose that is suitable to build upon as we begin the planning process.
3. **I am researching ___ and it is important to me because . . .Explore your topic.** My area of interest is . . . Define the area that you would like to explore over the course of the semester. Talk about it from a number of vantage points.
4. **Give us context.** Are there any personal anecdotes that connect you to the material?
5. **Explain why you see potential in this as a topic?** What are the challenges or opportunities you can identify? Why is this important and why should we care?
6. **What are the skills would you like to exercise in developing your idea?**
7. **Outline your first steps** I will begin by researching in the following ways . . . . How are you going to determine the research you need to do? What are sources that you know of; on-line, books and publications, real-world scenarios?
8. **Connect the reading and the video with the changes you have made in your work and your process.**
   Comment on what you have changed as a result of this exercise. **At your next peer-to-peer session, you will critically review each other's work looking for clarity in the vision, motivation, and first steps.**

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