

# Creativity Experiments – Creative Minds / Humi 1

**\*Reports due on Monday of weeks 5, 8, and 11 (along with Reflection Questions)**

This assignment is like the “lab” portion of a science class. The intention is to create opportunities for you to deepen your understanding of the course material through personal experience. You will choose a concept from the course material – any concept that captures your attention or imagination – and create a real-life experiment in order to test the concept.

## **Experiment Process**

- 1) ***Identify:***
  - a) something you would like to change in your life\*\*; and
  - b) an idea from the class that might help you make this change
- 2) ***Come up with a plan!***
- 3) ***Experiment***
  - a) Try out your idea over 1-2 weeks
  - b) Take good notes
  - c) Adjust your actions if necessary
- 4) ***Write a report***
  - a) Describe your idea, clearly identifying the course concept you are using
  - b) Describe exactly what you did each day, and the results you observed
  - c) Analyze your experiment: what worked? What didn't? why?

An underlying assumption of this assignment is that *you have the ability to change* situations, yourself, your attitudes and approach, etc. – that *your creative capacities are much greater* than you may have known. But you can't just accept these assumptions; you have to KNOW them through experience. You will create experiments in any area of your life in which you would like to see *change*.

**\*\*Each experiment addresses a widening sphere of influence:**

- Experiment #1) your self;
- Experiment #2) your self + family & friends
- Experiment #3) your self + community

**This assignment is specifically designed to build commitment to civic and moral responsibility for diverse, equitable, healthy and sustainable communities. Students are expected to recognize themselves as members of larger social fabrics and to develop the abilities and willingness to take informed action for change.**