Name _____ Period _____ Date _____

The DuPont Challenge
Present Your Topic

In about 300 words, tell the class about your topic and your progress. You are proving to the class that your topic is a good choice for this contest. You know your topic is innovative. You know that there is good research out there. In addition, you know that you have work to do. You are whetting our appetite for your final essay, but also giving us a status report.

Your piece should include enough details to show that you know what you are talking about, yet you can explain that there are questions you still need to find answers to. Explain what you need to find in order to feel confident that you have explained your topic well. Include the answers to these questions, but do not simply state the question and then answer it. That would sound boring!

Suggested Outline

P1: Introduction to your paper

- Handshake- Grab our attention as an audience.
- Thesis – What your paper will prove/discuss specifically?

P2: Explain your topic:

- Why does it matter to you?
- What is the invention/discovery you are interested in researching and why are you interested in it?
- What are some problems that your invention/discovery can solve?
- Is your invention/discovery a. something that can be used right now, b. in development and will be here soon, or c. scientists know an answer is possible, but they just haven't found it yet?
- Who does your invention/discovery benefit?
- Have you come across opposing views for your technology?

P3: Give us a status report

- Your piece should include enough details to show that you know what you are talking about, yet you can explain that there are questions you still need to find answers to.
- Explain what you need to find in order to feel confident that you have explained your topic well.
- List the titles of some articles you have read.