Name _____ Period _____ Date _____

DuPont Challenge Essay Guidelines

Due: Week Before Final Exam

Graded: 20 points of 1st Final exam and if you are a winner or receive honorable mention, your lowest test grade in the 4th nine weeks will be replaced with a 100%

- Write an original 700- to 1000-word essay created exclusively for The 2010 DuPont Challenge©.
- Write only about a science-related topic. No matter how well-written and researched, essays submitted on non-science topics are disqualified.
- Your essay must be written in English.
- Essays should be written using your word processor of choice.
- Do not put your name, school name or any other personal information on your electronic essay submission. Enter your name and other personal information on the Official Online Entry Form only.
- Your essay title must appear in the Entry Form box called "Title of Essay." Do not include the title of your essay in the Essay Box on your online entry form.
- Include the word count at the end of your essay.
- Attribute all ideas that are not your own and any quotes in the body of the essay. Do not use footnotes or endnotes.
- Your essay must include a bibliography of your source material on a separate page at the end of your essay. **Do not include the bibliography in your word count**.
- Avoid plagiarism. Essays are carefully reviewed by multiple judges and checked for plagiarism.
- Proofread your essay carefully. Your essay will be judged not only on the science, but also on creativity, spelling, punctuation, and grammar.
- Do not include illustrations, graphics, or diagrams.
- Fill out the online entry form completely. Incomplete entry forms will not be accepted.

Awards

JUNIOR DIVISION (Grades 7, 8, and 9)

First Place

• $5,000 U.S. Savings Bond

• Expenses-paid trip to Kennedy Space Center and Walt Disney World® Resort with a parent

Second Place

• $3,000 U.S. Savings Bond

• Expenses-paid trip to Kennedy Space Center and Walt Disney World® Resort with a parent

Third Place

• $2,000 U.S. Savings Bond

• Expenses-paid trip to Kennedy Space Center and Walt Disney World® Resort with a parent

Honorable Mentions

• $200 U.S. Savings Bond

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
OCTOBER 26 A	27	28	29 Unit 4 Test Dupont Intro	30 Unit 4 Test Dupont Intro	31	**NOVEMBER** 1
2 B	3	4 Topic Choice Due	5 Topic Choice Due	6	7	8
9 A	10 Topic Focus Due	11 Topic Focus Due	12	13	14	15
16 B Outline Due	17 Outline Due	18	19	20	21	22
23 A Present Topic	24 Present Topic	25 No school	26 No school	27 No school	28	29
30 A	**DECEMBER** 1 Draft Due	2 Draft Due	3	4	5	6
7 B **Essay Due**	8 **Essay Due**	9	10	11	12	13
14 A	15 B Exams 5th & 8th	16 Exams 1st & 2nd	17 Exams 6th & 7th	18 Exams 3rd & 4th	19	20