1. Now that you've finished more than half of your project, reflect on how you might synthesize your genres using a repetend or linking mechanism, and how you might "package" your project; post this brief reflection to your personal page, and come prepared to discuss in class.

Now that I have finished more than half my project, I decided that I am going to link my genres together by making them all relate to my protagonist’s journey of depression. I am going to “package” my project by putting all of my genres in my protagonist’s school binder. To make all of my genres link together I created two characters for my project. I created a girl named Lauren who was suffering from clinical depression and created another character who was Lauren’s mother. Lauren wasn’t feeling like herself lately and she was afraid that she was suffering from depression. To introduce my genres, I created a letter that was written by Lauren explaining to her mom that she thinks she might be suffering from depression. Lauren decided to put together all different kinds of things that represent her journey of depression, and put them in one of her school binders to give to her mom. She didn’t know how to verbally tell her mom that she was upset so she decided to make this binder, which she called Her Darkness, to give to her mom. As Lauren’s depression got worse my genres became more serious. If Lauren had decided to make Her Darkness further into her depression she would have not been able to include more stable genres that were found in the beginning. Towards the end Lauren included her diary entries that led up to her suicide note. The last thing that Lauren put into Her Darkness was her diary entries. When her mom found this folder she read through it and it inspired her to go around to different schools and teach students about depression. She brings this binder to every school she goes to and explains Lauren’s journey of depression. Lauren’s mom didn’t alter the binder except for adding Lauren’s obituary and a personal letter that she wrote to Lauren.

1. How will you present our class? What will you be looking for as you watch presentations?  
   As you read other projects? Post to personal page and come prepared to discuss.

For my presentation I am going to take on the role as Lauren’s mother. Before I start my presentation I am going to tell the class that I am Lauren’s mom and I am talking to the class to inform about depression. For the start of my presentation, I am going to introduce myself and explain how I travel to different schools to talk about clinical depression. Next I am going to show a video that will do a good, powerful job in introducing clinical depression. After the video, I am going to tell the class that I was inspired to inform kids about depression because my daughter lost her life to depression. I am going to tell them that if i had known more about depression I would have had a chance in saving my daughter. I am than going to read some of my genres and after present factual information about clinical depression. I am going to go over what it is, how it is caused, and I am going to go over the symptoms. I am going to tell them that I want them to pay attention to the symptoms the most because I want them to be able to recognize or help someone who walks into their life that has depression. As I watch other presentation I will be looking for good techniques people use that I can use for my own presentation. As I read other projects I will also look for good techniques people used to package and link their project together.