PREPARATION TO WATCH THE DVD THE PROP MASTERS (THE TV SHOW "ER")

Part 1 of the Assignment

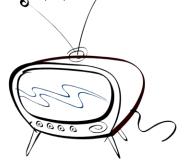
- After viewing *The Prop Masters* program, each person will answer the following questions. Where
 appropriate provide <u>specific</u> examples to explain your answer. Do not use the examples provided with
 this document.
- II) Bring two copies of the typed, double-spaced document. A cover page is not necessary. Come prepared to work in groups to discuss concepts and the second part of the assignment.
- III) Part 1 is due _____

A. What are the characteristics of good props (for a show)?

List three examples.

a. For example, "A prop must be yellow".

B. Describe good props in your own words.



Describe the importance of each of the characteristics of good props and provide a **specific** example to support each answer. The examples can be from any television show except ER. Identify the show for each example.

a. "A prop that is yellow is easily identified by the viewer. For example, on an episode of ER a man was in danger of falling off a bridge. He used a yellow flag to signal that he was in danger, and you could see that he was in danger".

C. What is the definition of a good property master?

List three personality traits that are likely to make for a successful property master.

a. For example, "A prop master must be funny or humorous".

D. Describe a good property master in your own words.

Describe the importance of the three personality traits that make for a successful property master.

a. For example, "Humor is important because when there are problems with work you must not get so upset that it distracts you from doing the job."

IV) Conduct background research on "ER" the series.

- a) Web site resources: <u>http://www.tv.com/ http://www.zap2it.com/ http://www.nbc.com/er http://www.local44.org/</u> (site for the union that includes property masters)
- b) Understand what the show is all about, the type of show it is, the characters and setting.
- c) The research will be helpful for you to complete both parts of the assignment.
- d) Cite your sources using MLA style.

Part 2 of the Assignment

- I. Our discussion will focus on sharing information from part 1 of the assignment and agreeing on the criteria that will be used to create a job description for the position of Property Master.
- II. The job description is a typed, double-spaced document including cover page. The assignment is due on _____