

Project Requirements

Contemporary Social Problems

1. Students will choose a social problem that is represented in the press today. Students will keep a scrap book of news articles from newspapers, magazines and on-line resources about this problem.
2. Students will answer the following questions about the issue as presented in the media
 - a. How is this social problem being framed?
 - b. What groups are affected by this problem?
 - c. What is/are being presented as the cause[s] of the social problem?
 - d. What is/are being presented as the solution[s] to the social problem?
3. Students will then search professional/academic research on this problem and answer the following questions:
 - a. What does the research say on this social problem?
 - b. Is the research different from the media presentation?
 - i. In what way or ways is the research different from the media presentation?
4. Students will present their own proposals, based on the research, for the cause[s] and solution[s] for this social problem.
 - a. Students must present social facts that support their conclusions.
5. The scrapbook with each of the steps above addressed will be turned in on the assigned date (see the syllabus)