

World Issue Project

Purpose: The primary aim of this project is to identify issues in our world that are problematic or controversial, but more importantly, to propose potential solutions. Through this process, we will obtain global awareness and think critically about topics that matter. I hope you delve into an issue you sincerely care about.

Assignment: Select a current topic culled from a newspaper or other news source you find intriguing, disturbing, or shocking. Each piece should center around one topic and be driven by an arguable thesis: the problem and your solution.

- **Shoe Box**
 - Images depicting the problem on the outside (completely cover)
 - Images depicting the solution on the inside (completely cover)
- **Writing Component:** 1-2 pages, 12-point font, times new roman, double-space
 - Use a minimum of **3** credible sources, cited in your paper – MLA format
 - **Suggested Outline**
 - Part 1: Describe the problem
 - Part 2: Propose a solution
 - Part 3: Defend your proposal
 - Part 4: Conclude

Due dates

1. Topic selected – April 2/3
2. Research Guide due—April 10-11
3. Shoe box and writing due—April 22 (Use the rubric on the back as you work!)

Brainstorming

Go to one or more of the following and write down topics that peak your interest:

- New York Times
- NPR
- Google News
- BBC News
- Reuters News
- Other news sources:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

World Issue Rubric

	1 - Emerging	2 - Approaching	3 - Proficient	4 - Advanced
Shoe Box	-images are hard to understand, lack organization, and show little understanding of the issue or solution	-images point to the problem and solution, but more careful selection is necessary	-images illustrate the problem and solution well -the box is mostly covered with images or text	-Images illustrate the issue and solution poignantly. -the box is completely covered and the images and text show thoughtful preparation.
Writing Component	-thesis is missing or unclear -word choice and sentences are difficult to decipher -organization is unclear -ideas are not developed	-thesis needs more development -word choice and sentences are below expectations -organization is attempted -ideas are forming	-thesis is stated -word choice and sentences are strong -organization is clear -ideas are developed	-thesis is clearly articulated -word choice and sentences are carefully crafted and enhance the piece -Organization holds the reader's attention and helps him or her understand -ideas are vivid
Research	-3 or fewer sources are used and are not credible	-3 or fewer sources are used -credibility is questionable -sources seem to be the first sites the student found	-3 sources are used and cited in the writing	-3 or more credible sources are cited in the writing and in the works cited page -research guide is completed in a timely manner
Process	-little focus during research -little time is used well -little work is finished on time	-lack of focus during research -some time is used well -some work is finished on time	-research time is mostly focused -most of the time is maximized in class -work is finished in a timely manner	-research time is focused -time is maximized in class -topic, research, and project are completed in a timely manner