

RM – Week 2 Handout

**Choose a Research Topic**

<b>Team members</b>	
<b>Preferred social science disciplines</b>	
<b>Theme</b>	
<b>Actors</b> (race, gender, age, religion, sex, orientation, language, ethnicity, social class, family role, occupation, etc.)	
<b>Issue</b>	
<b>Consequence</b>	
<b>Research Topic</b> (5 W's, population and hypothesis)	

**Some themes you may choose:**

- \* Animal rights
- \* Binge drinking
- \* Child labour and Children's rights
- \* Drunk driving
- \* Government debt
- \* Drunk driving
- \* Environmental pollution
- \* Euthanasia & assisted suicide
- \* Gangs
- \* Gender discrimination
- \* Global warming
- \* Homelessness
- \* Immigration
- \* Organ & body donation
- \* Poverty
- \* Racial profiling
- \* Violence
- \* Violence in sports

**Don't choose topics that**

- are too general
- are controversial or too intimate
- exceed the competencies of the team
- do not achieve unanimity within the team
- you do not understand
- cannot be physically done

**Make sure you**

- Concentrate on a specific area
- Concentrate on a specific time period
- Concentrate on a specific group of people
- Concentrate on a specific type of event

**Think Piece – 10 pts**

Write a short personal essay about the topic you chose. Explain why this topic is important to you, or to others, and why you picked it.

Extra points will be awarded to original thinking, humor or personality in writing.

Individual submission – 200 words