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Real-World Problem Checklist/Due Dates Quarter 2 – Researching the Real-World Problem

Deadlines are Project Grades
The Paper at the end is a Writing Grade

(Note – you should try to have at least 10 cards per source)

21 Oct – Topic Due at start of class
28 Oct – 3 more bibliography cards; at least 30 more notecards
2 Nov – 3 more bibliography cards; at least 30 more notecards
4 Nov – 2 more bibliography cards; at least 20 more notecards

10 Nov – Paper Outline
22 Nov – Works Cited (on turnitin.com) – this will be GRADED when you turn it in here, and it MUST be corrected AND included in your final paper later

The full paper, complete with Works Cited, is due to turnitin.com on December 12th.

Independent Project – Real-World Problem

Topic: Choose a real-world problem. It can be global or local. It can be large or small. It can be physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual. It can be new, or it can have been around a while. I hope you choose something that you are passionate about. (Note: Make it something measurable and researchable – and something for which you can ultimately propose a solution. Racial discord would be a doable topic, but chemical imbalances in the brain that cause depression or psychosis, while problematic, require a medical solutions, and you might not know enough about neuroscience to propose a viable solution.)

Tasks:

1. Research the problem. Describe and analyze it – its causes, its effects, its history, and its future. **Q2**
2. Research solutions. How have people attempted to solve this problem? Evaluate the attempts. **Q3**
3. Propose and defend a solution to the problem (or a part of the problem). Demonstrate how your solution would work and what results you would expect to see. **Q4**

Task 1 will involve reading, annotating articles, and taking notes. It will culminate in a written document (research paper) that explores all aspects of the problem. **THIS IS FOR QUARTER 2.**

Task 2 will also involve reading, annotating articles, and taking notes. It will also culminate in a written document (research paper) that recounts other people's solutions (proposed and/or implemented) to the problem. **THIS IS FOR QUARTER 3.**

Task 3 will involve a digital presentation of your solution to the problem (or a part of the problem). This digital presentation will include visual aids and a recorded speech. We will present these digital presentations at the end of the year at a TED Talk-style conference. (To prepare for Task 3, we will view some TED Talks and discuss what works, and we will also practice giving short speeches/recorded presentations.) **THIS IS FOR QUARTER 4.**