For your research paper, you will choose a “global issue” and create a research question which will guide you in your research. You may choose any topic within the following categories: **Poverty, Education, Healthcare, Gender Equality, Water and Sanitation, or Cultural Conflict**, but it should be one which allows you to present your point of view on the issue while arguing a point based on your research. All five parts of this project will be submitted to turnitin.

This paper has five requirements:

1. **The Research Proposal:**

**For your proposal, which is due on turnitin.com by midnight Jan. 16th.**

• choose a global topic that interests you (i.e., Syrian Civil War)

• do some preliminary research around issues concerning this topic

• make a list of answerable questions you have about this topic (i.e., what are the origins of the conflict in Syria? What groups are involved in this conflict? Etc.)

• Narrow down your questions to ONE question which is both broad enough to research yet narrow enough to be manageable (you don't want to research the ENTIRE history of Syria, for instance) The ANSWER to this question will become your thesis statement.

Write a proposal that contains the following sections:

1. Research Question: what is your research question? (The answer to this will become your thesis)

2. Background: write 1 page (double-spaced) providing some background on this issue. You should treat this as a precursor to your paper and include proper documentation and citations of your sources.

3. Resources: list the bibliographic information for any sources you have found (at least 3 from Library Databases) that will help you to answer your research question. Please do this in MLA format.

4. Projection: what is your projected answer to this question?

1. **Annotated Bibliography: Due February 9 and February 23**

• Create a working works-cited page of sources you intend to USE in your paper (no fewer than five sources)

• Beneath each entry, write the following:

1. Describe the author's credibility (who is he? What are his credentials?)

2. Give a brief description of the source/article (a 6-8 sentence summary of its main point and most important details relevant to your paper)

1. **The Research Paper Outline (Due February 28th) and Draft (Due March 6th).** 
   * Submit a complete and detailed outline which shows your thesis statement, your major points, and the evidence you will use to make your points.
   * Submit a complete draft of your research paper which meets the following requirements:
2. State you point of view on a global issue.
3. Use a minimum of 5 sources
4. 3 of your sources must come from the Library database
5. Paper should be a minimum of 1200 words and no longer than 2000 words
6. Paper must contain MLA- style documentation of all resources and an appropriately formatted works-cited page. PAPERS WITHOUT PROPER DOCUMENTATION or with an IMPROPERLY FORMATTED WORKS-CITED PAGE WILL RECEIVE AN F.
7. Entire paper should follow MLA Formatting.
8. **Peer Editing: Due March 19th**

After you have submitted your rough draft. You will be reviewing your peers’ papers on turnitin.com. Follow the questions provided and give honest and useful feedback. After researching these issues, you will become attached to your issue. Remember this when giving feedback. Whether or not you agree with the stance someone has taken, you are review their writing, not criticizing their views. Be respectful!

1. **The Final Paper: Due March 30th on turnitin.com by 11:59 pm**