

8th Language Arts
2007-2008
Research Project Options
Brochure

One possibility for your Research Project is a **Brochure**. A brochure may be formatted in any way that you like; however, the brochure should include the following information:

- **COVER**
The cover should include your name, country, social issue, tagline, and an appropriate picture.
- **THESIS STATEMENT**
Your actual thesis statement should appear somewhere within your brochure.
- **COUNTRY INFORMATION**
Where in the world is your country? Who are its neighbors? What is the economic situation and political situation in your country? (Possibly a country map.)
- **HISTORICAL BACKGROUND / CULTURAL ENVIRONMENT**
Cultural or historical background of the country as far as it has contributed to current social environment in the country.
- **SOCIAL ISSUE(S) WITHIN THE COUNTRY**
What challenges do the specific social issue facing this country present? What is the current situation?
- **POPULATION / IMPACT**
Which elements of the population are primarily impacted by this social issue?
- **LOCAL PROGRAMS**
What is currently being done **within** this country to address the issue?
- **INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE**
What outside aid – aid from industrialized nations, from G-8, from the United Nations, etc. – has been / is being given?
- **UNITED STATES INVOLVEMENT**
What is the United States – either the government, an agency within the US, or US citizens as individuals – doing to help?
- **LEGISLATION**
What legislation, on the part of the country itself, the US, other industrialized nations, or the UN, has had an impact, either positive or negative, on the situation?

- **IMPACT ON LITERATURE, MUSIC, NEWS COVERAGE**
What literature has been / is being written to bring attention to the issue? Music? News coverage? Television shows? Movies? What high profile people does the country have on its side in the fight to bring about change? Who are the spokespeople? (This would be a good place to include information about the Biography you read and the impact of your candidate on the issue either nationally or internationally.)
- **WAYS TO GET INVOLVED**
How can the individual reading this brochure get involved and help to remedy the problems?
- **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:**
How can an interested individual find out more about this issue? Agencies? Organizations? Resources?
- **PICTURES**
Include a multitude of pictures to help present the issues and the solutions.
- Feel free to incorporate additional information if you feel that there is something important that you would like to address which has not been delineated above.
- **WORKS CITED PAGE**
This is your MLA annotated bibliography. (Be sure to maintain MLA format and order.)

NOTE: It is important that you do not allow the size of the brochure to be a limiting factor. Most tri-fold brochures are not going to be large enough to include all the necessary information. Consider the possibility of a booklet or a viewbook sized brochure.

Refer to Schedule for Check Point Due Dates. Final Project Due May 5.

Submit as a part of the Social Justice Binder.