

8th Language Arts
2007-2008
Research Project Options
Storybook or Journal

One possibility for your Research Project is a Storybook or a Journal. A storybook/journal should meet the following criteria. You must include at least one picture on each page. At least one of your pictures must be **your own artwork**.

Note:

- **Storybooks should be written to be appropriate for children in 2nd, 3rd, or 4th grades.**
- **Each page of the journal should include the journalist's thoughts about the topic(s) covered on that page.**

Page One: COVER PAGE

This should include your name, section, title of the book or journal, country, social issue, and an appropriate picture.

Page Two: INTRODUCTION

Your topic narrowed to your thesis statement and picture.

Page Three: COUNTRY

Where in the world is your country? Who are its neighbors? What is the economic situation and political situation in your country? And picture (possibly a world map and /or a country map).

Page Four: HISTORICAL BACKGROUND / CULTURAL ENVIRONMENT

Has the cultural or historical background of the country caused or influenced the current social environment in the country? And picture.

Page Five: SOCIAL ISSUE(S) WITHIN THE COUNTRY

What challenges does this specific social issue present for this country? What is the current situation? And picture(s).

Page Six: POPULATION / IMPACT

Which elements of the population are primarily impacted by the issue? And picture(s). **(If the social issue impacts a significant part of the population, feel free to add more pages to this section.)**

Page Seven: LOCAL PROGRAMS

What is currently being done **within** this country to address the issue? And picture

Page Eight: INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE

What outside aid – aid from industrialized nations, from G-8, from the United Nations, etc. – has been / is being given? And picture

Page Nine: UNITED STATES INVOLVEMENT

What is the United States – either the government, an agency within the US, or US citizens as individuals – doing to help? And picture

Page Ten: 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? And picture

Page Eleven: 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? And picture. (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.)

Page Twelve: IDEAS

What else could be done to help? And picture(s). **(If you have a lot of ideas for assistance, feel free to add pages to this section.)**

Page Thirteen: CONCLUSION

What have you discovered through your research?

Page Fourteen: WORKS CITED PAGE

This is your MLA annotated bibliography. (Dependent upon the size of your story book or journal, it may take more than one page to accommodate your annotated bibliography.)

Feel free to incorporate additional pages if you feel that there is something important that you would like to address which has not been delineated above.

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

Submit as a part of the Social Justice Binder.