

Project Guidelines

Join a group through the Group Project Sign Up discussion board located in the Unit Zero folder.

-Start by determining what time during the week you would be available to work on the project or anything else that you would like to work on with other students in the course. Go to the discussion boards posted in the Unit ZERO folder and check to see if one of the day and times given is suitable for you. If so sign up for that time by selecting the discussion board with your chosen day and time and then selecting Create Thread. Post a message introducing yourself. If none of the times posted with the discussion boards fits your schedule sign in under the discussion board 'Time to be Decided Weekly'. (See below for the schedule and more details on how to sign up for the project.)

5 points

Complete by February 14th

Once your group has formed, you and your group should select a topic from the list of issues given on the U.N. survey posted at <http://www.msnbc.com/msnbc/united-nations-my-world-survey-education-priority> and then post it on the group project sign up discussion board.

-As your group discusses which issue you want to cover, make arrangements for how you want to go about completing the project. Do you want to work together and split up the topic into subtopics? Do you want to work independently and post separate presentation materials at the end? Schedule a presentation date on Blackboard Collaborate. Email me times when your group will be available to present online. You should pick a time during the week of April 10th to April 16th. The times given for group sessions on blackboard collaborate are times that fit my schedule. If you need to present at a different time contact me so we can work it out.

5 points

Complete by February 28th

Research your topic. Find at least 3 sources. Collect facts, list them and note the sources where you found them. Add your bibliography.

-Each student in the group should participate in the research. After you have collected the information post your data on the group discussion board set up for your group. Then submit it through the submission box located in the Unit ZERO folder. Make sure you provide a bibliography as well.

15 points

Due on March 13th

Contact at least 2 people from different countries through the internet or in person and interview them.

-Establish a list of questions on your issue that you and your group members would like to learn more about. Post the list of questions on the discussion board. Contact at least 2 people from different countries through the internet or in person and interview them. Post your interviews on the group discussion board. Then submit your write ups through the submission box located in the Unit ZERO folder.

15 points

Due on March 27th

Complete a four part summary with 2 different perspectives on the issue plus a summary of your views on the topic.

-Each student is to complete a four part paper. First part should include a statement of the issue being covered and the facts and bibliography developed along with the interviews that you posted on your discussion board. The second and third parts should be summaries of two different views taken from your interviews and your research on the topic. The fourth part should be a summary of your views on the topic. The summary of your views should include references to the facts that you found along with citations. You can use bibliographies from other students in your group for your citations. Submit your paper through the submission box located in the Unit ZERO folder.

50 points

Due on April 24th

Present a summary of your topic to the class.

-Each student in your group should design one or two power point slides for a presentation on Blackboard Collaborate. You may choose to select someone in your group to put the slides together for your group presentation. Present your topic with your group in an online session on your scheduled presentation date.

10 points

Due week of April 10th -16th

Instructions for Signing up for the Group Project

– Start by bringing up the ‘Unit ZERO - Group Project - Sign in Forum’ located in the Unit ZERO folder on the ‘Home’ page in the course on ‘Blackboard’. Select a time that you could meet online each week from the list below. Sign in by posting a message on the Discussion Forum with the day and time that works for you. This will be your group meeting time on 'Blackboard Collaborate' where you can work out the details for the project, discuss homework assignments and hold study group sessions for tests. Blackboard collaborate sessions for your group can be accessed by clicking on 'Blackboard Collaborate' next to the purple tab that is posted inside the Unit ZERO folder or you can click on ‘Blackboard Collaborate’ tab located on the menu to the left side of the screen on ‘Blackboard’. Once you click on the ‘Blackboard Collaborate’ tab a screen will come up with ‘Join Room’ tabs for everyone in the class. Scroll down below the tabs until you see a schedule of sessions. When a session is active it will have a purple tab next to it. If the session is active click on it and follow the prompts to access the session.

Group Selection Deadline is **February 14th**.

Mondays 12:00 to 1:00 PM **Tuesdays** 8:00 to 9:00 AM **Wednesdays** 7:30 to 8:30 PM

Thursdays Undecided, **Fridays** 8:00 to 9:00 AM, **Sundays** 3:00 to 4:00 PM

Time to Be Decided Weekly- Sign in here if you have an irregular schedule. Each week you can choose any of the alternative times to meet up with students to discuss material. However you will need to work out group project assignments through the discussion board.

See Next Page for outline of project write up.

This is how the four part written portion of the project should be organized.

Part I

State your issue in one to two sentences.

List your facts with sources given

- Fact ³
- Fact ³
- Fact ¹
- Fact ²

Bibliography

1. Source
2. Source
3. Source

Include notes from your interviews.

Part II

Complete a one page summary of one perspective on the issue.

Part III

Complete a one page summary of another perspective on the issue.

Part IV

Give a one page summary of your thoughts on the issue.