

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROJECT - Research Guide

DRIVING QUESTION:

GROUP 1 - Investigate data and details, and hypothesize about root causes of [SELECTED PROBLEM] - LOCAL LEVEL

Areas to consider and explore:

- What statistics and data can you find about the local scope of this problem?
- What local or state laws or policies are in place that are affecting this issue? Are government policies the best way to deal with this problem?
- Is there anything about your local or regional culture that might be affecting the problem?
- Consider the social, spiritual, material, and mental aspects to the problem, and then follow those trails of research
- What's appropriate - relief, rehabilitation, or development?
- Search local newspaper, gov't, or community organization websites



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DRIVING QUESTION:

GROUP 2 - Investigate data and details, and hypothesize about root causes of [SELECTED PROBLEM] - NATIONAL/GLOBAL LEVEL

Areas to consider and explore:

- What statistics and data can you find about the national or international scope of this problem?
- What national government policies are in place that are affecting this issue? Are government policies the best way to address the problem?
- What are the cultural, economic, or social elements of this problem?
- Consider the social, spiritual, material, and mental aspects to the problem, and then follow those trails of research
- What are some solutions that people have proposed?
- What's appropriate: relief, rehabilitation, or development?
- Search newspaper, gov't, or non-governmental organization websites



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DRIVING QUESTION:

GROUP 3 - Investigate the work being done in our community

Areas to consider and explore:

- Types of organizations to look into: churches, local businesses, city and state governments, faith-based organizations, health clinics, food shelves, community-based organizations, schools and after-school programs, child-protection committees
- What sort of work are they doing? Relief, rehabilitation, or development?
- Consider the social, spiritual, material, and mental roots of poverty. Which seem to be best-addressed by these groups?
- Consider the practical questions - are these groups rooted in your community? Which might you have the best chance to directly interview?



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