**Identifying an Issue:**

**The Initial Research Project**

**Objective:**

Each student will identify an issue that can be addressed in a Civic Action Project. Their issue will be researched and their findings will be pitched to the class.

**Product:**

1. You will research and create a Google Presentation on a potential class civic action project that you will pitch to the class.
2. You will be limited to five (5) slides including a Title Slide.
3. Your bibliography will be created on a Google Doc using Easybib in the Chicago format.

**Presentation:**

You will be given up to four (4) minutes to pitch your project idea to the class. Make sure that have time at the end of your presentation for questions from your classmates.

**“Fist to Five Vote”**

Upon the completion of all of the presentations, the your class will vote using the “Fist to Five” voting method to decide on the five to six issues you want to further research as a potential Civics Action Project.

**Grading:**

This will count as a test grade.

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| **Phase 1: Initial Research (Test Grade)** | **Extending** | **Proficient** | **Emerging** | **Failing** |
| **Issues** | Student demonstrates an excellent understanding of the issue by identifying its history including root causes, its implications, and possible solutions. (65 pts) | Student demonstrates a strong understanding of the issue by identifying its history including root causes, its implications, and possible solutions. (60 pts) | Student demonstrates a fair understanding of the issue by identifying its history, its implications, and possible solutions. (55 pts) | Missing Bibliography- Overall Grade of "0." |
| **Presentation/Pitch** | The presentation is engaging and succinct. It effectively uses bullet-points and imagery. (25 pts) | The presentation is succinct. It effectively uses bullet-points and imagery.(20 pts) | The presentation has some focus. Slides are in paragraph form. (15 pts) | Missing Bibliography- Overall Grade of "0." |
| **Bibiliography** | Identifies 7+ good sources. Uses Chicago style format. (10 pts) | Identifies 5+ good sources. Uses Chicago style format. (5 pts) | Identifies up to 5 good sources. May use Chicago style format. (3 pts.) | Missing Bibliography- Overall Grade of "0." |