

# SOPHOMORE SPRING 2012 PROJECT

You are required to create your own Document Based Questions [DBQ] on any given topic relating to current global problems. You may select any topic from the list below.

Your DBQ should address the following:

- **define/identify** the problem/issue
- explain the **causes** of the problem/issue
- explain the **effects** of the problem
- Discuss the **solutions** to the problem

The basic requirements of the DBQ are as follows:

- An overall question that will be answered using the documents and outside information
- Ten (10) documents - at least five ( 5 ) of the documents must be primary resources. In addition, of the ten documents only 4 may be visual resources ( cartons, maps, charts/graphs, pictures . . . )
- Each document should be accompanied by a rationale for how this document will help you answer or analyze your topic. (Think - How does this document add to my understanding of the topic and address one of the core items listed above).
- ALL components of the project MUST be typed.
- You must write an essay based on the documents AND outside information. The essay should be at least 5 pages ( and no longer than 7) in length (double spaced—12 font).
- You must cite the source for each individual document and provide citation for any outside information you utilize in your essay. This includes both footnotes and a bibliography. ( author, title, publisher, website . . . )
- The DBQ may not be based solely on internet resources. You must also use books and articles for the DBQ project.

## SUGGESTED TOPICS:

- Overpopulation/Population Growth
- Hunger/Famine/Malnutrition
- Environmental Pollution/"Global Warming"
- Nuclear Proliferation
- Worldwide Terrorism
- Drug Trade
- AIDS
- Human Rights Violations [ women, children, political prisoners]
- Child Labor
- Ethnic Conflict
- Genocide
- Islamic Fundamentalism
- Refugees [ economic/ political]
- Developing (Third) World Nations/Debt

Please note—Topics and documents should be within the last 15 years (1995 –2011)