**Topic of Interest**

**Presentation Guidelines**

In your writing/reading groups you will present a minimum of two times. As a group, you will choose a “topic of interest” and you will research, discuss and write about that topic. The final result of your work will be a 10-15-minute presentation. While topic choices are up to you, there are some guidelines that you must follow.

1. All group members should be actively involved. If group members cannot articulate their involvement, those members will not receive credit for the end result. Actively involved includes attending group meetings, completing the reading agreed upon and engaging during discussions.
2. Topics should have a “so what?” response. Meaning, you should choose a topic that has some larger implications. For example, don’t choose a topic like tomato sauce or electricity.
3. In your presentation, you need to discuss your topic and the different perspectives on the topic. You also need to lead a class (small group or whole group) discussion on some of the issues surrounding the topic.
4. You need to have a minimum of 6 sources that you cite in your presentation. The discussion that you lead must be supported by research and evidence. Opinions are not appropriate in this assignment if they are not substantiated by evidence.
5. You need a minimum of one handout. The handout should have a bibliography, discussion questions and a summary or your presentation.
6. Your presentation should have at least ONE visual aid. This can include a PowerPoint, video clips, photographs, poster, etc.
7. You will have plenty of time to work on your presentations, please manage your time and be prepared by your scheduled date. Only under extenuating circumstances will presentations be rescheduled.
8. You will meet with me prior to your presentation date.

Please direct any questions to me as they arise.