

ECONOMICS RESEARCH PROJECT

As noted in the syllabus, all students enrolled in this course are required to complete a research project on one specific area of our study of economics. This project will represent approximately fifteen percent of your semester grade.

Students will select their own topic, but must get it approved by the instructor. Some topics lend themselves to more resources than others, so research carefully before committing.

Your project will culminate in a presentation, by you (and a partner if you choose to work with someone) during class time, lasting approximately ten minutes.

These instructions assume that you will be using PowerPoint for your presentation. If you prefer to do another type of presentation such as a pre-recorded video or dramatic performance, please discuss this with the instructor before starting on your project.

Computers in room F-6 as well as the library are available for your use if you do not have a computer at home. OpenOffice is a free Microsoft Office-compatible suite includes that includes Impress, a PowerPoint-compatible program. OpenOffice is available at www.OpenOffice.org to download and install on your personal computer. A link is also available on the class website: **JMcDonnell.net**

Sample topics:

- Human Trafficking: Modern Day Slave Trade
- Transplants: Spare Parts for the Human Body
- Globalization: 21st Century Imperialism
- "Dollarization": Panacea or Nightmare?
- Social Security: Will it Be There for Us?
- European Union: Super Threat or Super Continent?
- Rationing Medical Care: Financial and Ethical Dilemmas
- Poverty in the U.S: Who are the Poor?
- The Prescription Drug Crisis: Senior Citizens' Nightmare

The above represent a few ideas. Please come up with your own. Check with the instructor for applicability as well as availability of resource materials. You will find that you will be using many Internet sites, journal articles, and newspapers for your works cited. Start with your textbook to see if it gives you any background material, but you must use other resources.

Due dates:

- Date assigned: **Thursday, October 7**
- Topic due: **Thursday, October 14**
- Outline due: **Thursday, October 28**
- Presentations begin: **Tuesday, November 30**

Guidelines for PowerPoint Presentation

Slide 1 **Title**
Globalization Subtitle: 21st Century Imperialism

Slide 2 **Agenda**
Introduction: What is Globalization?
Negative Consequences of Globalization
Positive Aspects of Globalization
Free Trade vs. Fair Trade
World Trade Organization
Etc.

Slide 3 **Introduction**
What is Globalization?
History of Globalization
Etc.

Slide 4 Negative Consequences of Globalization
Effects on Environment
Child Labor
Haves vs. Have-Nots

Slide 5 Positive Aspects of Globalization
Etc.

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Slide 9 **Conclusion**

Slide 10 **Bibliography / Works cited**

Remember:

- Most presentations include 8-10 slides.
- Expect to spend about one minute per slide during your formal presentation.
- Your slides *may not* be your entire speech written out word-for-word.
- Treat your slides as “cue cards” that remind you of important facts.
- Submit your completed project at least one day in advance of your presentation.
Use a USB flash drive or email it to: **mcdojf@fUSD.net**