**Research Guide**

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| **NAME** | **RESEARCH TOPIC** |
| **TASK DEFINITION:** (Restate in your own words what you are supposed to do.) |
| **WHAT INFORMATION DO YOU NEED?** (Brainstorm 3-4 questions to guide your research. Write your questions in the boxes below. Make sure your questions address the topic of your project and meet the requirements of this task.) |
| **Question 1:** | **Question 2:** | **Question 3:** | **Question 4:** |

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**Subject \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Due Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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| **POSSIBLE SOURCES:** (Circle the sources that my help you find the information you need. Which sources would be the best ones for your project? Try to use a variety of current, high quality information sources.) **Information books, encyclopedias, World Book Online, educational web sites, almanacs, surveys, people who are experts in your subject, NC Wiseowl, maps, observation of your subject, databases, other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |
| **LOCATE YOUR SOURCES:** (Jot down where you should go to find the best possible sources you circled in the above section. For example, the web address for a website, the call number for books, or the contact information for a person you want to interview.) |
| **Source 1** | **Source 2** | **Source 3** | **Source 4** |

**NOTES & THOUGHTS**

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| **LIST KEYWORDS** to use when searching for information on your topic: (when using an index or conducting a card catalogue or internet search): |
| **DATA COLLECTION:** Time to read and consult your sources. Take good notes! You only need to write KEY words and phrases as you record your notes. Collect your data and citation information as you use each source.  |
| **SYNTHESIS TIME! Think about the information you read and the data you collected when you took notes. Decide how you will blend the ideas together. How will you add your own ideas and insights? Remember to follow the guidelines your teacher gave you.****C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\NN0CJ75W\MC900442038[1].wmf** |
| **PROJECT RESOURCES & ENHANCEMENTS:** What will you need to complete your project? Materials, illustrations, charts, graphs, pictures, bibliography, other? |
| **SELF-EVALUATION:** Did you meet the goals and requirements of the project? Evaluate the quality of your process and of your final product. What did you do well? What could you have improved? What skills or information did you learn that will help you in the future? | **PEER EVALUATION:** Did your team meet the goals and requirements of the project? Evaluate how each member contributed. What did they do well? What could your team have improved? Did everyone share an equal part of the workload?  |

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