**Controversial Topic Presentation**

**Overview**: “Why are we doing this?”

For this research project you will choose a partner or work by yourself. Then choose an issue your group feels strongly about (global, national or local). Research more about both sides of the issue. Your job is to create a power point presentation in which your group builds an argument to support one side of the topic. Can you convince the audience that your position is right? Use the rest of this guide to help you do your research and complete your assignment.

**Controversial Topic Project Requirements**:

1. Choose a partner (2 people) or work by yourself.
2. Choose a controversial topic that interests you or that you would like to learn more about and present your findings to the class.
3. Format for your presentation will be power point.
4. Group meeting with teacher: You are required to meet early in the process with me to discuss your current event project format and topic (you can do this as soon as you have picked your group and chosen a topic. This experience is student centered which means you need to take the responsibility for completing this assignment. Do not expect to get this entirely done in class. If at any time throughout this process you are unsure or have questions, you need to take the initiative and talk with me or contact me by email.
5. Your presentation must include these elements:
   1. A title for your controversial topic. You are strongly encouraged to read at least three news sources to gain a solid knowledge base about the topic. I can help you with your topic selection and with locating sources during your initial meeting.
   2. For your topic, you must have at least 9 slides:
      1. 1 slide- Title slide
      2. 1 slide-Definition/Explanation of your topic
      3. 1-2 slides-Present history behind controversy
      4. 1-2 slides-Present side A of controversy
      5. 1-2 slides-Present side B of controversy
      6. 1 slide-Personal (Group) opinion
      7. 1 slide-Visuals Image (use of pictures/cartoons/videos)
      8. 1 slide-Audience participation (provoke audience discussion)
      9. 1 slide-Works cited (list sources & how they were connected to each slide)

**Controversial Topic Project Rubric**

**Presenter(s) Names =**

**Project Topic =**

**Current Event Project Requirements**:

1. Group meeting with teacher: You are required to meet early in the process with me to discuss your current event project format and topic = **1 pt**.

**Your Score = \_\_\_\_\_**

1. Your presentation must include these elements:
   1. Title slide = = **1 pt**.

**Your Score = \_\_\_\_\_**

* 1. Definition/Explanation of your topic = **2 pts**.

**Your Score = \_\_\_\_\_**

* 1. Present history behind controversy = **2 pts.**

**Your Score = \_\_\_\_\_**

* 1. Present side A of controversy = **3 pts.**

**Your Score = \_\_\_\_\_**

* 1. Present side B of controversy = **3 pts.**

**Your Score = \_\_\_\_\_**

* 1. Personal (Group) opinion = **2pts.**

**Your Score = \_\_\_\_\_**

* 1. Visual Image(s) (use of pictures/cartoons/videos) = **2 pts.**

**Your Score = \_\_\_\_\_**

* 1. Audience participation (provoke audience discussion) = **2 pts.**

**Your Score = \_\_\_\_\_**

* 1. Works cited (list sources & how they were connected to each slide) = **2 pts.**

**Your Score = \_\_\_\_\_**

* 1. Overall presentation/presentation skill = 5 pts.

**Total Score = \_\_\_\_\_/25**

**Notes:**