Assignment: Select a topic for your research proposal.

Process: Start with a general area of interest, e.g. "education," "crime," or "poverty." Narrow this general interest down to a particular aspect that interests you, e.g. "school performance," "violence in prison," or "substandard housing." Choose an area where you want to study this topic, e.g. "The Mississippi Delta," "the United States," "8 southern states," or "Bolivar County." This is a sufficient level of detail for this assignment.

Submit: A sheet of paper with the names of the members of your group and a brief (1-2 sentence) description of your topic. Each group should submit one paper.

Due: Sep. 23, 2004