

**Research Proposal Assignments**  
**Research Topic**

**Assignment:** Select a topic for your research proposal.

**Grade:** 2 points

**Process:** Start with a general an 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 description of your topic. You should summarize your topic in one sentence, then describe where you plan to carry out this study, and briefly describe why you selected this topic. The description should be no more than two paragraphs.

Each **group** should submit **one** paper.

**Due:** February 16, 2005