Week 3

Project Assignment 2: Topic Selection  2 points

Create Team
1. Create a team of 3 students.
   a. Teams with 3 students are ideal. If there were only 2 team members, then if someone was sick one day, the other person would be on their own. If there were 4 team members, then not everyone would be able to see the computer screen when you are analyzing the data and writing your research paper.
   b. If we are lucky, every team will have exactly 3 team members. If this isn’t possible, then one or two teams can have 2 team members.
   c. In class, tell Dr. Barchard who is on your team. She will assign you a group number. Write it down. Do NOT leave class without finding out your group number.

Pick Your Research Topic
1. Find a topic that is of interest to all team members.
   a. To do this, you may want to start by listing the three most important issues facing the planet, country, city, or university. Or you may want to list your hobbies and interests.
2. Find three papers related to your topic
   a. Use the library database at http://www.library.unlv.edu/
   b. Limit your search to items with full text online, and to articles from peer-reviewed publications.
   c. Get electronic copies of these papers and share them with all team members.
   d. Over the next two weeks, all team members should read all papers.

Sign up for your group
1. EACH TEAM MEMBER must sign up for their group.
2. In Blackboard, click Project Groups
3. Click “View Sign-up Sheet to Join a Group”
4. Join the group that has the group number you were assigned. If some team members have already signed up, their names will be shown.

Enter your information into your group wiki
1. In Blackboard, click Project Groups. This will now take you to your group’s home page.
2. Click the name of your group.
4. Name your page “Research Project”.
5. In the Content area,
   a. List the names of your team members
   b. Give the name of your topic
   c. Give the authors and titles of the three papers you found.
6. Click Submit
7. Your wiki is like a blackboard that you are writing on. Any of you can write on the board and any of you can erase it. So, you could have ONE person do all the writing in the wiki, or you could have multiple people do the writing. It’s up to you.

Tell us that you are done
1. ONE team member needs to tell us you are done.
2. In Blackboard, click Assignments.
3. Click on “Project Assignment 2”.
4. Briefly tell us that you have finished the assignment.
5. We will review your wiki and enter your grade there, under Project Assignment 2.