Challenge Question: The Problem

# Researching the problems…

In this section of your notes, you will be digging more deeply into your specific challenge question by finding secondary and primary sources that examine your how topic areas combine: population, geography, and interest sector.

1. You should have notes for 6 sources—that’s 2 sources per topic area.
	1. Sources may include….reports, news articles, documentary films (NO fictional sources!), interviews, lectures, books, magazine articles, etc. Check with Stephen if you’re not sure what to use!
	2. If you find a particularly long and rich source, check with Stephen to see if it can count for more than one source.
2. Type research notes in the format below. You will print out and share your notes with your group, so make sure they are top quality.
3. All research must be from credible primary or secondary sources. Use Wikipedia to chase down reputable sources—that’s not a bad strategy to use. But, Wikipedia in itself is not a great source.
4. ALL NOTES MUST BE IN YOUR OWN WORDS. DO **NOT** CUT AND PASTE!!!

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# Research Note Format:

For each source you use, you should have research notes in the following format:

1. Citation: Cite completely using MLA format [(Click here for how to do this)](http://www.easybib.com/reference/guide/mla/website)
2. Summary: Describe the source, and what information is in the source.
	1. *Example: This source is a report from a Human Rights organization about the impacts of sweatshops in India. It includes interviews with sweatshop workers, and data about their pay, working conditions, and treatment.*
3. Sourcing: Explain the bias of this source, and how you think it impacts the reliability of the source. You should answer the following questions:
	1. **Author/Speaker:** What do you know about this person or organization? Are they for profit or non-profit? What perspective do they seem likely to support, and why?
	2. **Purpose:** Why do you think this document was created/published?
	3. **Type of Document:** How does the type of document and its purpose affect how much you trust the information to be accurate?
4. Evaluation: Explain how this source will help you to develop your project. You might discuss any of the following…
	1. What problem does this source identify in regards to your challenge question.
		1. For example, “**lack of role models, lack of access to markets, lack of education and skills training, distrust of outsiders,**
	2. What new information does this source give you?
	3. How does this source connect to other sources you’ve looked at (reinforce, contradict, highlight new things…)
	4. How do the ideas in this source connect to class readings and texts?
	5. What new questions do you have after reading this source?
5. Evidence: Choose 2-3 quotes from this source that could be used as evidence when you are completing your project.