**English 109**

**Research Project**

**Organizing Your Research**

In order to help you organize your research, please do the following:

● Read over all of your note points.

● For each note point, assign a category to it based on the letters below. Color code each

category, then color code each note point. Some note points may fit into more than note

category- great! Highlight each one to fit as many categories as possible.

● If you have information that does not readily fit into a category, leave it blank. Add to

the notes in order to categorize it, or leave it alone—you may end up not using it. You

may have to add an additional category here: one that your research indicates.

● Make tally marks of total number of notes per category.

● The better job you do with this organization of your notes, the easier time you will have

writing your paper.

● Remember: You must include the following areas of research for your social issue in

your paper:

**B/C =** Background / History / Causes

**E =** Extent of the problem (how bad is it?—Find some current statistics)

**I =** Impact of problem on environment, society, individuals and costs incurred by or for this

problem (monetarily or emotionally)

**CF =** Contributing factors (what adds to the problem?)

**S =** Solutions: what has been done through government and private programs as well as

individual efforts? What worked/didn’t work? Why/why not?

**CO =** Conclusions: Is there any hope? Who is to be held responsible?

\*\*If you do not have information from one or more of these categories, or realize that you have

insufficient research, you will need to do more!

Color coding should be done continuously as you write your paper and continue your research.

I will do periodic checks.