Social Justice & Crimes Against Humanity (Presentations due Mon. Jan. 29)

What central groups and figures play leading roles?

What issues of social justice do specific aspects of the issue introduce?

What contributed to the rise of the issue, and what is its current lasting legacy?

Syrian refugee crisis and their treatment in current residing countries

Rohingya genocide in Myanmar

Starvation in North Korea under the Kim empire; ghost ships

North African refugees crossing the Mediterranean

War crimes in Central African Republic

International sex slavery market

Nanking Massacre; Tokyo trials

Apartheid in South Africa

International child labor

Sexism in Hollywood

MS-13 activity in U.S. and El Salvador

The reign of Mexican drug cartels

Jim Crow in the South

Role of the UN in enforcing crimes against humanity

Nuremberg trials against Nazi officers

Shifting U.S. immigration policies

The class will be separated in half and each member of your group (A or B) will prepare a verbal report with researched evidence (3-4 strong pieces, thoroughly annotated). You will share this verbal report in a forum where the group will ask you various questions about the topic, such as your personal insights into its causes and results.

Later, we will compose formal argumentative essays based on your information and the ideas shared between you and your group.

This is not only the gathering of information. We expect these complex issues to steer us into depthful and sometimes controversial discussion and debate. You are to make deeper interpretations into the information you gather; not merely collect and regurgitate it.

Be willing to pursue a topic which you don't know a great deal about. The point is to become enlightened about a part of the world you might not know very much about.

Aim for a mixture of wide and narrow scope evidence. Consider individual anecdotes which add perspective and pathos to your argument.

**What are appropriate sources for research?**

1. PCH Library databases, books, and magazines

2. Authoritative organizations in your topic area (e.g. government agencies, industry leaders, leading advocacy groups, major sources in pop/entertainment media such as People Magazine)

3. Major news sources and other publications which employ their own journalists:

USA Today

St. Louis Post Dispatch

NY Times

BBC

LA Times

The New Yorker

Psychology Today

CNN

Time

Newsweek

National Geographic

60 Minutes

Riverfront Times

Fox News

PBS, CBS, etc.

Forbes

Major local news stations

Other magazines/journals in a specialty area

**Various Areas of Social Justice -** the way in which human rights exist in people's lives at every level of society

Poverty

Health and security

Prejudice and discrimination  
Education

Opportunity; Job and wealth distribution

Civil/political rights

Religious freedom

Crime and justice (death penalty, torture, etc.)

Women's Rights

LGBT Rights