

The GET ANGRY assignment

- 1) Research future issues in an area of your interest. What do futurists say about something that is of chief concern to you? (nanotechnology, genetics, robotics, environment, space exploration, etc.)
- 2) Find a possible future that is disappointing, frightening, disgusting, unacceptable, appalling, and must be stopped in your point of view. GET ANGRY but stay focused. (If you have tried as hard as you might and you just can't find anything to be angry about, try harder; parts of our world are living hell and more could be soon; there's plenty to get angry about.)
- 3) Write a two-page proposal that includes the number-one topic you choose and several other back-up choices (two well-reasoned FULL pages or more, single-spaced). Briefly explain the major issue/situation you want to address in a larger report and presentation and why it is something we have to find a way to change, alter, improve. Also include in your proposal four other topics you would be willing to tackle if someone else has already claimed your first choice. Be sure to back up each of these four with an explanation as to why it should be addressed. That's two pages on five issues, with explanations, ranked in your order of preference. I will accept these starting now, and allow just one student to address each issue, so the sooner you submit an acceptable proposal, the more likely you are to get your first choice. If you do not submit a completed assignment, with five well-developed issues, you will be asked to re-submit a more complete piece of work and another person might be awarded your first choice.
- 4) I will notify you about the topic you are assigned to follow through and complete.
- 5) Final products: a) You will develop a full-blown 5- to 10-minute in-class presentation that describes the issue, what makes it an issue of concern in need of change and the potential paths we might take as world citizens to turn it around for the better. GET ANGRY, but control the anger, focus it on the topic and find a clever way (speech, play, PowerPoint) to explain what it is and what can possibly be done to make a difference; you will be required to send me a two-page, double-spaced outline of your plan for the presentation; you can also meet with me to explain it in advance instead, but I must OK your presentation at least a week BEFORE you will be allowed to present it; b) You will also prepare and submit a 12-page paper covering the same points (a full-page cover for your title can be counted as one page; no more than two full pages of your 12-page total can be taken up by end-notes/footnotes; AT LEAST 9 pages of full-type print content in the work; full pages, double-spaced, 1-inch margins, using Times 12-point typeface).