

## Taking a Stand — Inherit the Wind Individual project

1. You will be doing research on a controversial issue either from history or from society today. See resources for ideas or the idea generator on Jones' web site.
2. In doing this research, you may use the following resources:
  - EHS library databases
    - Opposing Viewpoints
    - Student Resource Center Gold
    - Grolier Passport encyclopedia
  - Google News (not Google Web)
3. Your research product will be presented using Alternative Text options. You will be given a copy of this in class. This project is worth 60 points.
4. The final product will consist of five parts:
  - Part I: At Issue: This part is worth 10 points.  
In a paragraph you will SUMMARIZE the key issue and any necessary background information your audience (your classmates) will need to understand the issue, the key parties, and the opposing issues.
  - Part 2: In Focus: This part is worth 25 points.  
Using the handout "Sidebars and infographics," you will select ONE of the Alternative Text options on the sheet to focus in detail on one aspect of your issue. For example, you might choose a fast-fact box to focus on the key arguments for or against the issue, or you might choose a bio-box to provide details of the life of the person most related to the issue. Or you could create a quiz to test the class's understanding of the issue.
  - Part 3: To Illustrate: This part is worth 10 points.  
This section allows you to provide something more visual. Here you could do a timeline, or post a photo with a caption, or provide a quote list from your research, or you could interview teachers and students. If you can draw, you might want to draw your own cartoon about the issue.
  - Part 4: Taking a Stand: This part is worth 10 points.  
In this section, you will write a paragraph stating your opinion about the issue. After doing your research, what is your opinion about the controversy? Why do you feel this way? What should people do to resolve the issue?
  - Part 5: Works Cited. This part is worth 5 points  
Attach an MLA-formatted Works Cited to the back of your project. It may be on a separate sheet of paper.
5. To the right is a sample of what your project might look like when completed. Feel free to improve on this model.
6. This project will be graded on:
  - Thoroughness in completing all five parts.
  - Production quality: Typed or in ink, neat, organized, attention to detail
  - Composition skills: Sentence and paragraph structure, spelling, grammar, style.
  - Accuracy and depth of research
  - Effective use of Alternative Text forms

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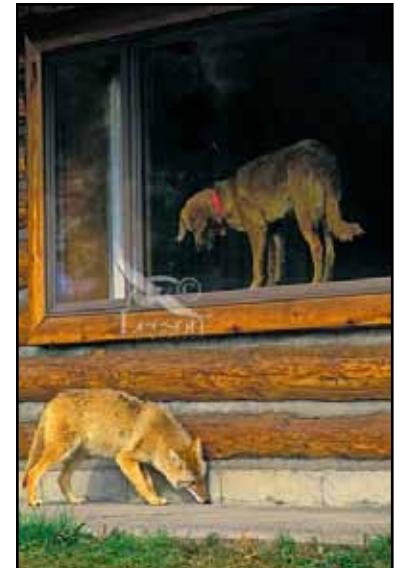
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### To Illustrate: Uninvited guests



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### What to do if a coyote comes into your house:

**Step 1: Don't feed it.**

**Step 2: Make yourself appear big.**

**Step 3: Make loud noises.**

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