Assignment #2: Identify Researchable Topics

This assignment has two parts:

A. Use 5 x 8 index cards for recording descriptions of five researchable topics. Keep each description short but inclusive enough to clearly communicate your ideas to your peers. (Perhaps two or three sentences per topic; one topic per card).

B. Select two of the five topics and complete the attached form for each topic. Be as thorough as possible yet concise!

Recommendation: Review your reading assignments for week #3 before you start this effort. Focus on key words or combinations of words and phrases that may fit or relate to the possible topic(s). Ask yourselves if the topic could be a thesis or applied project using your current knowledge of “research”.

After development and agreement on the five “ideas”, each individual should develop one of the Preliminary Proposal Outlines. Review and discuss your drafts in pairs then refine the drafts as needed.

You may not be able to complete all of the outline items -- that’s OK because I want you to understand the process you might go through to develop an “idea” and seek funding for it.