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Exploring Social Issues through Design

Some of the most powerful and meaningful art ever created was made in reaction to the important social issues of that time. Picasso painted *Guernica* in protest of the Nazi bombing of Gernika, Spain during the Spanish Civil War. Goya's *The Third of May* was painted as a result of the shootings of innocent civilians by Napoleon's armies. These are two examples of art that addressed important social issues. What issues are we faced with today? Which issues are important to you?

1. List some important social issues we face today:
2. Which of these issues are most important to you, or which issue do you want to address on a poster?
3. **Research Topic:** Find a news article or other information on your topic. Read your article(s) and summarize the issue below.

Information source(s) (LA Times, CNN, Wikipedia, etc): _____

4. If you chose a debate issue, according to the article you chose, what are some of the different viewpoints on this issue? If you chose an awareness issue, summarize the issue in detail (where, when, why, who).

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5. Debate Issue: What side of the debate do you support? Give **3 reasons based on research/data** why you support this viewpoint. Cite the source of your evidence.

Awareness Issue: Why do you think this issue is being ignored? Give **3 reasons** that show why this issue should be addressed immediately. Use statistics/research to better demonstrate how serious this problem is. Cite the source of your data.