

# **Who Cares?! I Do!**

## **Ninth Grade I-Search Paper**

### **What is the purpose?**

You will investigate an area of social injustice connected to the Sisters of Mercy Critical Concerns through research, personal interviews, and reflection. The research focuses on the root causes of these injustices and how individuals, communities, and countries are trying to create positive change. The reflection focuses on what YOU can do as an individual to help create justice in these areas.

**What do I need to do for this project?** There are four parts to this project:

### **Part I - What I Already Know & What I Want to Know: Reflection**

This part is narrative; in other words, you tell the story of how you started this project:

- What were your original ideas?
- How did you finally choose your topic?
- Why did you choose this topic?
- What did you know about it already?
- What questions about this topic you would like to have answered by the time you are done with this research?
- It also needs to include the connection to the Mercy Critical Concerns.
- This section will be about 3 - 5 paragraphs and will be written in a very conversational style.

### **Part II - What I Have Learned: Research**

This section shows the reader the answers to some or all your questions from Part I. It acts more like a traditional research paper with the following requirements:

- Five sources of information, one being your interview
- Note cards containing one important fact each (10 minimum)
- Harvard style outline of your information
- Opening paragraph with thesis, body paragraphs, and a concluding paragraph
- Works Cited page
- Works Consulted page

This section has a more formal style, and will be longer than Part I.

### **Part III - What I Will Do Next: Reflection**

In this final section, you will look back on all that you have learned from Parts I & II and answer the question: “So what will I do next?” In other words, now that you know all of this, what are you going to do with it? How will you take action? How will you let others know about what you have discovered? How does it impact yourself personally, you family, your community, your world? What *new* questions have been created? This part will be about 4 - 6 paragraphs and will be written in a conversational style, like Part I.

## **The Interview**

This section will be based on the interview you conducted with an expert on your topic. It will include the questions, and the answers from the interviewee, as well as reflection paragraph about the interview process.

### **Parts of the Paper:**

- Cover page
- Outline
- Part I
- Part II
- Part III
- The Interview
- Works Cited
- Works Consulted