

2010 D.C. Travel Experience Overview

Purpose:

Travel Groups will choose and investigate an inquiry topic framed by a guiding question. Groups will design a unique travel experience intended to explore the background of the topic, identify possible responses to the question, and present evidence to support the findings of their investigation.

Developing the question:

Travel Groups should begin by developing an understanding of what they already know about the issue presented in the guiding question. The groups should follow up by identifying aspects of the question that need to be learned in order to begin addressing the question.

Things to consider while developing the question:

- What organizations are involved in dealing with the issue? (local, state, national, international, etc.)
- Does the issue need to be narrowed or broadened to be clearer?
- Where in the world is the impact of this issue most significantly felt?

Addressing the question:

As Travel Groups progress in developing their chosen guiding question members should begin to contact organizations that will assist the group in addressing the issue. Group members will be expected to utilize the necessary diplomatic and communication skills necessary to secure appointments with at least one of *each* of the following:

- The embassy of a developed nation impacted by the issue
- The embassy of a developing nation impacted by the issue
- A U.S. governmental agency involved with the issue
- A Non-governmental organization involved with the issue

Presenting the evidence:

On Friday March 12th, 2010, Travel Groups will present at Trinity University the responses that have been crafted as well as the evidence that supports these responses. Since no specific format will be appropriate for every Travel Group, individual groups will decide the format that best suits their requirements for meeting the expectations listed above.

Examples of D.C. Travel Experience Guiding Questions

1. To what extent should a nation educate its citizens?
2. What is the extent of a developed nation's responsibility to address poverty in the developing world?
3. To what extent does a nation have a responsibility to protect its citizens from terrorism?