

**Current Global Issues**  
**Possible Topics for TRIO Sites**

Below are some current topics from various Websites (some topics overlap from different sites and many are far too broad and will need to be narrowed down). **Use these lists to help you get started if you are having a hard time choosing a topic.** These lists are just **ideas** for topics, nothing else. Take one you like and narrow it down with an original twist or to present diverse points of view. Have fun!

Here’s what to do with these lists:

1. Browse through the topic titles noting 3 – 6 topics that interest you on the **Brainstorm** worksheet.
2. Then follow the steps on the Brainstorm worksheet to narrow your topic to something that is manageable and that would make a great educational website.

**IMPORTANT: Keep these questions in mind when choosing a topic for TRIO Sites:**

1. Am I interested in this topic? (essential if you want the reader to be interested too)
2. What are the different aspects of the topic? (this will definitely help you narrow the topic)
3. What about the topic interests you? (this may help you narrow the topic **AND** create a twist for an original and creative way to handle the topic)
4. Can this topic fit the rubric? For example, the topic:
  - a. Has the potential for **global impact and/or learning** (it can *relate to diverse points of view*; it can *compare/contrast* to regions, areas, etc; and/or it can *present action steps*)
  - b. Can have an **original take or twist** on what is generally presented about it (i.e., it presents a *different point of view* from what is already on the web; and, it’s *not overused on the web and/or in other media*)
  - c. Has the potential for **original multimedia** to be added to it (images you take, videos you create, interviews and/or surveys you develop, etc.)

**NOTE: you are not required to use one of these topics; if you already have a topic in mind, go straight to the Brainstorm worksheet and skip this resource.**

**Current Global Topics from Various Web sites to Brainstorm for TRIO Sites**

**From Ohio University Library Database**

This is an excellent resource of current topics – NOTE **this does not give you access to the research**; it is for Ohio University access only, BUT it does list a huge number of topics that are current and of global concern that can be narrowed down to a great original TRIO Sites topic. Some current topics listed are:

Alcohol, Tobacco, and Illicit Drugs Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Crime, Prisons and Jails Energy: Supplies, Sustainability, and Costs Gambling: What’s at Stake? Genetics and Genetic Engineering Growing Up: Issues Affecting America’s Youth Gun Control: Restricting Rights or Protecting People? Animal Rights Religious Freedom: Threats to civil rights and liberties around the world Health Care Immigration and Illegal Aliens: Burden or Blessing	<b>From Ohio - Other resources for finding topics:</b> MERLN: Military Education Research Library National Press Club Public Agenda Online (nonprofit nonpartisan public opinion research and citizen education organization) Google News (headlines and summaries of news) Yahoo News (headlines and summaries of news) Why Files (explanations of scientific background for news and current events)
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<http://infotree.library.ohiou.edu/bysubject/general/news/current-issues/>

### From *Global Issues*

This site looks at numerous global issues and aims to show how they interrelate. These topics are very broad and will need to be narrowed down for a TRIO Site. The topic list is:

Arms Control Arms Trade Biodiversity Causes of Poverty Climate Change and Global Warming Conflicts in Africa Consumption & Consumerism Corporations Economics, Trade Environmental Issues Fair Trade Food Dumping Food and Agriculture Free Trade G8: Too Much Power? GM Food	Geopolitics Health Issues Human Population Human Rights Issues International Criminal Court Iraq Crisis Mainstream Media Middle East Natural Disasters Palestine/Israel Projecting Power Sustainable Development Third World Debt War on Terror World Hunger & Poverty
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<http://www.globalissues.org/>

### From *What Matters?*

This interesting website looks at “tomorrow’s trends rather than today’s headlines.” Again, these topics are too broad; think of a way to narrow them down to an original topic for your website. The topic list is:

Biotechnology Climate Change Credit Crises Currencies Energy Geopolitics	Globalization Health Care Innovation Internet Organization Social Entrepreneurs
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<http://whatmatters.mckinseydigital.com/>

### From *United Nations Cyber School Bus*

Mostly for teachers – a global teaching and learning project. But, it lists the following broad topics ready for you to narrow down:

Poverty Human Rights Cities Today and Tomorrow World Hunger Indigenous People Rights at Work	Ethnic Discrimination Racial Discrimination Health Saving Tomorrow’s World Cleaner Oceans Space Exploration
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<http://cyberschoolbus.un.org/>