America’s Global Responsibilities

11th Grade ELA Research Project

Topic: "What Role Does the US Have in Solving Global Issues?"

**Assignment:** This assignment will help you to practice argumentative writing, researching a topic and finding evidence to support your thesis.

**Scenario:** The United States, especially after achieving “super power” status in the mid-20th century, has become involved in a number of international issues. In the assigned articles, you've read why many think this is so. The provided list includes areas for which US involvement has been controversial.

Choose a global issue and learn about it with the following research questions in mind:

* What is the importance of this issue?
* Who is affected?
* What is/was the extent of US involvement?
* What long-term societal impact exists if the issue is not resolved?

Once your research is complete, consider why or why not US intervention is/was necessary. This can have positive or negative consequences.

**Purpose:** To state your opinion and provide solid evidence to support it

**Writer’s role:** You

**Audience:** Your teacher, your classmates

**Form:** 3-4 page research paper

**Focus Correction Areas:**

* Written in a focused manner, with a well-constructed thesis supported by researched evidence
* At least 5 sources must be used (3 related to the issue topic, 1 from provided readings, and 1 found by the writer on US global involvement)
* Completed in MLA format, with correctly formatted “Works Cited” page

**Procedure:**

* Read the articles on the United States’ responsibility in global issues
* Choose a topic, from those listed, to research
* Complete research
* Considering what you have learned, argue in support or against US involvement.