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SHRRP Problem Statement

Title

Statement 1: (Description of the ideal scenario)	
Statement 2: (Current Reality)	[BUT]
Statement 3: (Consequences for audience/stakeholders)	
Research: (Your proposed inquiry, to make the reality match the ideal)	

### **Writing a Problem Statement for SHRRP**

**Who** - Who does the problem affect? Specific groups, ethnic groups, demographics, genders, regions, etc.

**What** - What are the boundaries of the problem, e.g. organizational, people, geographic, etc. - What is the issue? - What is the impact of the issue? - What impact is the issue causing? - What will happen when it is fixed? - What would happen if we didn't solve the problem? What human right(s) are being taken away because of this issue? (Specify the specific article)

**When** - When does the issue occur? - When does it need to be fixed?

**Where** - Where is the issue occurring? Only in certain locations, etc.

**Why** - Why is it important that we fix the problem? - What impact does it have on the community, the region, and the world?

### **Other Key Points**

- A problem statement should be 1 brief paragraph and is the 1<sup>st</sup> section of your research paper
- A problem statement should have quantifiable evidence (facts) to support your explanation of the problem and why it is important to address.

→ SAVE the LINK to the Sources you use for your problem statement. You will later need to create an Annotated Bibliography and cite all of your resources.

**Sentence Frames**

The issue of . . .

It is crucial that we understand the issue of . . .

It is imperative to point out the issue of . . .

The problem of . . .