

## ESL 112 Unit 2 Pre-Research Portfolio

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### Chart 1: Pre-Research

(This chart will help you explore your topic and gather information for your research paper.)

| Steps                                                                                      | Your Notes |
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| <b>Step 1:</b> Identify your topic and explain why it is a good IRP topic. (2-3 sentences) |            |
| <b>Step 2:</b> Background research. Summarize the problem (2-3 sentences)                  |            |
| What are the causes? (2-3 sentences)                                                       |            |
| What are the effects? (2-3 sentences)                                                      |            |
| <b>Step 3:</b> Information about Organization                                              |            |
| Name of Organization:                                                                      | (URL: )    |
| Mission (paraphrase the mission statement in 2-3 sentences):                               |            |
| Reliability                                                                                |            |

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| (briefly describe why the organization is a reliable source of information in 3-4 sentences):                               |                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Step 4:</b><br>Choose 2 actions of your organization and summarize each in 2-3 sentences.                                | Type your responses below:                                                                                                             |
| Solution 1:                                                                                                                 | (URL: )                                                                                                                                |
| Solution 2:                                                                                                                 | (URL: )                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Step 5:</b><br>Analyze & critique the 2 actions.                                                                         | See Chart 2. Type your analyses and critiques of the 2 actions from the organization in terms of strengths and weaknesses in column B. |
| <b>Step 6:</b><br>Write a thesis statement that contains the purpose of your paper and the two actions of the organization. |                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Step 7:</b> Outline your structure                                                                                       | See Chart 2. You will type your responses there.                                                                                       |

### Chart 2: Rough Outline

(This can be a plan of what critique points you hope to find in your source search.)

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|                        | <b>Your notes</b> |
| <b>I. Introduction</b> |                   |
| A. Problem             |                   |

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| B. Organization Description            |  |
| <b>Thesis Statement</b>                |  |
| <b>II. Solution 1</b>                  |  |
| A. Description                         |  |
| B. Critique (Strengths and weaknesses) |  |
| C. Suggestions for improvement         |  |
| <b>III. Solution 2</b>                 |  |
| A. Description                         |  |
| B. Critique (Strengths and weaknesses) |  |
| C. Suggestions for improvement         |  |
| <b>IV. Conclusion</b>                  |  |