Unit2. Pre-Research Portfolio

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Chart1. Pre-Research

Steps	Your comments
Step1: Identify your topic and explain why it is a good IRP topic. (2-3 sentences)	
Step2: Investigate the issue. Summarize the problem in 2-3 sentences.	
What are the causes? (2-3 sentences)	
What are the effects? (2-3 sentences)	
Step3: Information about Organization	Type your responses below.
Name and Link of Organization:	
Mission (summarize the mission statement in 2-3 sentences):	
Reliability (briefly describe why the organization is a reliable source of information in 2-4 sentences):	
Step4: Choose 2 actions (solutions) of your organization and summarize each in 2-3 sentences.	
Solution 1:	
Solution 2:	
Step 5: Clarify your purpose. Write a thesis statement that provides the purpose of the paper. It should have the two actions of your organization.	
Step 6: Plan ahead. Briefly state your plans and thoughts for finding sources in 2-3 sentences	

Chart2. Rough Outline

	Your comments
I. Introduction	
A. Problem	
B. Organization	
Thesis Statement	
II. Solution 1	
A. Description	
B. Critique	
C. Improvement	
III. Solution2	
A. Description	
B. Critique	
C. Improvement	
IV. Conclusion	

Chart3. In-depth Pre-research

Solution 1:	Solution 2:
Background Research: 1. What technical key concepts/key words are you unfamiliar with from the website? Give a brief description.	
2. What aspects of our society or that particular target group does this problem have impact on and how? (education, health, safety, economical, environmental, etc) Who or what is affected and how are they affected?	

3. What kinds of evidence is this website providing (statistics, anecdotes, videos, authority figures, financial report, academic report)? Is the website providing enough evidence to support this solution? Is the evidence credible and logical? Explain why.	

Strengths: 4. Name at least 2 strengths that this solution has. You can write about what makes this solution unique and better than other similar solutions that have been proposed previously in our society (by other organizations or other people).	

5. What is the focus of this solution? What makes this solution so meaningful/important?	

Weaknesses

- Is this solution feasible?

6. Who or what do you think might be the greatest obstacle to overcome in carrying out this solution? (cultural, social, financial aspect)

7. Cite some of the actual examples or action-based programs based on this solution. Is it successful so far? Explain how.

8. If this solution is material type, does the organization have the right resources? What is further needed to make this possible?

- Is this solution effective?

9. Is this solution too general, too specific, or effective? Explain why.

10. Evaluate this solution in terms of cost and benefit/ long and short term benefits. Also, is it sustainable?	
11. If this solution is campaign/education type, is it targeting the right audience? Can you cite some evidence that this is really making a difference?	
Additional **12. List at least two questions that you have and would like to further research.**	
13. Based on what you analyzed, what kinds of improvements can you suggest?	