Your group has been assigned one of the following research topics: You are NOT limited to the questions listed...

**1. Investigate the organization called S.A.D.D. (Students Against Drunk Driving aka--destructive decisions).**
              What is the history of the organization?
              What has been its effect in high schools?
              How have students been getting involved in using positive peer pressure to the problem of teenage drinking & driving?
              Does your school have a chapter, and what is its effectiveness in your school?

**2. Investigate the laws concerning drivers under the age of 18 who are involved in traffic fatalities.**
            What are the statistics?
            What is the usual punishment?
            Is Andy's punishment realistic or no longer true in many states?
            What do you think the punishment should be for young drivers who drive under the influence and kill others?

**3. Investigate the problem of underage drinking.**
            What are the statistics?
            How large is the problem in our country?
            What are the laws concerning alcohol & teens?
            What are the effects of alcohol on developing teens?

**4. Investigate the problem of teenage suicide.**
            Why is it not reported in the press? What are the statistics?
            What steps are taken by schools/communities to prevent this problem before it happens?  What could schools/communities do?
            How can friends help other friends who seem depressed or suicidal?

**5. Investigate the issue of implicit discrimination.**
            Why does it still exist in our society? What are the statistics?
            Is it just a black/white issue?
            What are some incidents in which it manifests--in society & in the novel?
            How does it affect teens, and how can young people educate the rest of society?

Your group will submit ONE research paper; however, ALL members of the group must contibute to the final product.  It is your group's responsibility to delegate who in your group is accountable for what portion of the paper!

**THE PAPER**

1. Research your issue/topic thoroughly.  Make copies/printouts of the information. Keep records of your sources on bibliography cards.  Keep records of your search on note cards.

2. The paper must reference at least:
            3 online sources to support your research
            3 examples from the novel to support your research
            1 hard-copy source to support your research (magazine, newspaper, book, etc.)
            1 example from real life (personal, family member, friend, community citizen, etc.)

3. Complete a bibliography card for all sources

4. Keep note cards on quotations from all sources.

5. Complete a typed essay outline with title
            Sentence outline
            Must include thesis statement

6. Paper must be at least 5-7 pages in length.

7. Paper must be typed, 12 pt. font, correct MLA format & documentation--parentheticals & works cited page!

8. Review Ms. Goodner's [Research & Documentation Notes](http://teacherweb.com/WQ/HighSchool/TeenIssuesASH/Research-and-Documentation-for-Basic-Research-Paper.pptx) for writing bib cards, note cards, etc.

9. Review Ms. Goodner's [Research Paper Outline Example](http://teacherweb.com/WQ/HighSchool/TeenIssuesASH/OutlineExampleforBasicResearchPaper-revised.doc) for writing your typed sentence outline.

10. Use the [Research Paper rubric](http://teacherweb.com/WQ/HighSchool/TeenIssuesASH/Tears-of-a-Tiger-Project-Research-Paper-Evaluation-Rubric.docx) as a checklist.

**Your group's research paper with copies of sources, bib cards, note cards, & outline must be included in the portfolio!**