

Internet Research Activity

Investigation of China's "One Child" Policy

The Task

For this activity, you and your partner will use the Internet to find and record information about China's "One Child" Policy. Take careful notes and come to class prepared to share what you have learned. You may find the following questions useful to think about as you read:

- When and why was the policy established?
- What changes have happened in families as a result of the policy?
- Has the policy been successful in controlling China's population growth?
- What are some different opinions people hold about the policy?
- Has the policy been fair to everybody?
- Have there been any problems as a result of the policy?

Where Should You Start?

Brainstorm search words that you think are the key words or phrases that will be useful in locating Web sites to answer the set tasks.

Go to Your Assigned Search Engine

Look at only the first 10 results for each search word or phrase. If you don't find anything useful by then, you should revise your search words or phrases.

Take Notes

Without limiting yourselves, use the questions above to guide your note-taking. You will use your notes to help you share your findings with the class. Did you find anything else that was particularly interesting?

Evaluate Your Search Engine

Write a two- to three-sentence evaluation of the search engine you used. Was the interface clear? Did it help you find what you were looking for? Did you get plenty of "hits"? What made it useful or effective, or made it confusing or complicated?