



## 2. Solution Research Guide

### Introduction

This research guide will enable students to begin researching their desired solutions or actions by taking into account multiple sources, organizations, and current events. It will also help to open more avenues for exploration as students begin to move from brainstorm to action.

The *Solution Research Guide* can be found in the appendices and includes many critical components that will help students to fully explore issues, solution and implementation of their own action.

### Procedure

Have the students complete the *Solution Research Guide*, which includes the following sections, this will take multiple class periods and access to the Internet:

- K-N-W-L Chart: A pre-research graphic organizer to get students started. Groups will create three lists: what they know about their topic, what they need to know about their topic, and what they want to know about their topic. At the end of their research they will return to this activity and write a list of what they have learned.
- Keyword Map: An exercise in creating search terms, by creating a bubble chart of topics, subtopics and associated words. Students will have the tools to further their research online.
- Target Audience and Engagement: Any workable solution needs to have a specific audience and general location of impact. This activity will help students to identify these key elements.
- Organization Profiles: As students research their solutions, they will invariably come across other organizations with similar goals, use this activity to profile these organizations and learn from their involvement with an issue.
- Current Events: This activity challenges students to use primary resources to further explore the critical issues highlighted in *Dream of a Nation*. By exploring print and digital magazines and newspapers students will gain further insight into an issue or solution.
- Implementation Strategy Map: Students will use this activity to fully detail how they will implement their solutions.
- Measuring Results: Any solution must have a plan for measuring results. This activity will help students to identify quantifiable variables in order to measure the effectiveness of their solutions in the future.
- Source Organizer: An easy to use organizer to keep track of sources used in the students' research.