



## *ToK Internal Assessment: Student Presentations*

Guess what? You have another opportunity to “show what you know”, or at least explore what might be believed about some terribly complex issues. Internationally, ToK students are asked to find an issue they’re passionate about, pursue it, and present it. And you, of course, being part of the international community (isn’t that fun to think about, being part of an international community?), get to do the same. You’ll be asked to explore an issue from all sides, all angles. What ways of knowing are involved? What are the various disciplines or systems of knowledge that come into play? Where do these intersect? What are the various perspectives and proposed solutions, and what complications or problems surface in each? How can we weigh these various perspectives and glean deeper understanding of our world as a result? It’s the typically fun ToK fare.

The presentations should be approximately 10-minutes per person (not including Q&A session). Each person will need to pack a whole lotta punch into that ten-minute segment. You may work independently or in groups of up to three members. However, if you work in a group, the cohesiveness of your presentation will be assessed both within your segment and in terms of its connectedness to other members’ segments. We’ll set up a presentation schedule in class once we know who’s doing what, so get busy and have a blast.

Below are ideas simply designed to get your juices flowing; you’re not limited to these.

- *Euthanasia of children*
- *Red Cross Report on  
Guantanamo Bay*
- *Patriot Act*
- *Stem Cell Research*
- *Music ripped from Internet*
- *Urban Sprawl*
- *Medicinal Marijuana*
- *Organized youth sports*
- *No Child Left Behind  
(the “Houston Miracle”)*
- *WalMart – Savior or Satan?*
- *Media in Schools*
- *Campaign finance reform*
- *Racial profiling*
- *Steroids in sports*
- *The “Zoloft” defense*
- *Race and entertainment*
- *Prescription drugs Direct-to-  
Consumer advertising  
FDA reliance on Drug  
companies for funds*
- *Medicating our kids*
- *Sampling: New art form or stealing?*
- *Anti-Terrorism Grants to larger  
cities?*
- *Funding of California Missions  
– national treasures or  
private religious organizations?*