

Is the Fault in our Stars?

Addressing Health Disparities in Black and Latino Communities

Research Assignment

Dr. David E. Rivers, the current Director of Public Information and Community Outreach at the Medical University of South Carolina, has devoted his life to addressing health disparities in the African-American and Hispanic-American communities.

Your assignment is to investigate and find out what these specific disparities are, why they exist, and how they can be decreased. Focus on one of the following health issues: Cancer, HIV/AIDS, infant mortality/birth defects diabetes, heart disease, or strokes. Follow the instructions below.

Using the scientific method and group collaboration, solve the problem.

- **State the Question:** What are the health disparities in the African-American and Latino community as it relates to _____? For what reasons do these disparities exist, and how they can they be decreased?
- **Do preliminary research.** Read the article provided: “About Minority Health”.
- **Construct a Hypothesis:** After reading the article, form an individual hypothesis or educated guess: _____ disproportionately affects African-American communities because of

Group Collaboration: Elect a leader and recorder. Have each group member share their individual hypothesis. Debate and come to a group consensus. Form the group hypothesis.

- **Probe further:** As a group, make a list of research questions that will help you determine your conclusion and fill out your chart.
- **Conduct Research: Consult credible books, articles, and reference materials that answer your questions and will assist with forming your conclusion. Record your findings. Record the bibliographical information from each source.**
- **Test Your Hypothesis by Doing an Experiment: Using your research, fill out a graphic organizer comparing and contrasting the health issues in the African-American, Hispanic-American, and the white community.**
- **Analyze Your Data and Draw a Conclusion.**
- **Communicate Your Results in creative way: You are required to use some type of visual aid. Be creative! Ideas include a PowerPoint or Prezi, a video public service announcement, or an educational brochure. The purpose of your presentation is to educate the public about your health issue and how it can be prevented and/or treated.**
- **Cite your sources:** Include a works cited page at the end of your presentation.

Rubric:

Content:	_____ /40
*Defines the issue and disparity	
*Addresses the reasons for the disparity	
*Gives solutions to decrease the disparity	
Creativity/Innovation:	_____ /20
Group Collaboration:	_____ /20
Professionalism/Appearance:	_____ /20

*If the works cited page is missing, the students will receive a zero for plagiarism.

Part One: Read the interview transcript. Summarize it below.

Part Two: Form Hypothesis:

Evidence from Text (Include citation.):

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Part Three: Research Questions: What do you need to know about Shakespeare and Marlowe to determine if they are the same person?

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Answer:

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Fill free to add boxes if you need to do so.

Part 5: Analyze Your Data and Draw a Conclusion

Write a summary of your experiment and findings:

State your claim (conclusion):

Evidence (include citation):

Evidence (include citation):

Evidence (include citation):

Evidence (include citation):

Works Cited