For next Tuesday (2/14/06) groups should have the **Background and Significance** sections of their proposal draft prepared and ready to present. The **Sources and Methods** need to be completed and ready to present for next Thursday (2/16/06)

*These reports we are putting together are proposals for our overall research project.*

- Dr. Brush will be extending the time we get to work with our groups on each week
- The rough draft of the entire proposal, including cover page and hypothesis, is due on Tuesday 2/21
- The final proposal/protocol is due Thursday 2/23

- Half of the groups will present on the 21st and the other half will present on the 23rd.

**Background & Significance (what to include)**
- Show progression of knowledge
- What you know now, and how you know it.
- How the proposal research fits or contributes to questions that still exist in that field.
- Concepts, Propositions, & Frameworks.
  - These will be used to help explain the “how you know it” part of the proposal
- Why is the question/hypothesis important or interesting?
  - Link questions to a puzzle, problem, or debate

**Sources & Methods (what to include)**
- Data sources (specify sources of data)
- Data collection
- Variables
  - Measures of the phenomena and it’s effects
- Analysis

- It is important to have an empirically testable data statement
- It working toward a proposal, groups should document the factors they take into account when considering how to approach their research.

*The rest of class will be used for groups to work together.*