***MT 3 Project choices***

*Option 1:*

 *Analyze the discretionary budget of either the federal government or the state government. See where our tax money is being spent and on what it is being spent. If you were in charge of the budget and spending the tax payers money, what would this budget look like? Where would you spend a bulk of the money? Why? What opportunity costs would be incurred in making these decisions? What would the overall impact on the United States and the United States economy be if your ideas were implemented? You must have a clear and concise thesis and argument defended by facts to be considered level 3 or 4.*

*Option 2:*

 *Examine any government program or programs that the federal or state government uses your tax money to finance. What is the main purpose of this program or programs? Is it overfunded or underfunded in your opinion? Do you believe that this program is a great use of public funds or a total waste of taxpayer dollars? Make sure that you defend your stance with hard facts and evidence. Be able to argue both sides and prove your side is superior. Be sure to cite all sources used. You must have a clear and concise thesis and argument throughout the paper defended by facts for level 3 or 4 consideration.*

*Option 3:*

 *Analyze the role that illegal immigration has played and is playing in today’s economy. There are many arguments that the government needs to spend more money to keep illegal immigration under control, therefore keeping jobs open for Americans, crime rate down, and health care costs lower. Others argue that the government needs to spend less money trying to enforce illegal immigration laws and spend more money helping these people become legal creating a better life for these hard workers that have come to our country to try to create a better life for themselves and their families. You will need to argue a side,* ***AN ECONOMIC ARGUMENT,*** *about whether illegal immigration is actually a drain on the American economy, or illegal immigration actually is a benefit to our economy. Use facts from multiple sources to defend your argument. You must have a strong thesis backing your argument throughout the project.*

*Option 4:*

 *Examine the use of the Death Penalty in California. The Death Penalty is paid for out of tax payer money and has been put on a ballot recently to get removed from the state as an option for punishment. People have argued for years that the death penalty is too expensive and a waste of tax payer money since we rarely actually use the punishment. Examine the costs of the death penalty and whether or not it is an actual deterrent in California. What ideas can you come up with to streamline the legal process, making the death penalty a much more viable option not costing the state several million dollars? How can we cut the costs of the death penalty? Your remedy must also be constitutional, so no cruel and unusual punishment etc… You must have a strong thesis making a clear argument as to what stance you are taking. You must defend your position using facts from all sides of the argument. Reminder, this is not a moral project, it is an economic project. Try to legally save your state some money.*