A first step towards completing the Touchstone Project is to choose a topic and then form research questions. You will be developing a solution to a problem that exists in your program or field of study. For instance, if you are studying Information Technology, you might discuss a specific problem in that field (such as ethics in the field of Information Technology). In a discussion board entry of no less than four paragraphs and at least 200 words, address the following:

1. Briefly describe the problem you have chosen from your field. In your description cover the following questions: What is the problem? Who does the problem affect? How long has the problem existed? What are the consequences / effects of the problem?
2. Identify the intended audience of your Touchstone Project. What does this audience know about the problem? What questions or concerns does your audience have regarding the problem? Why is your problem important to your audience? Describe your research plan. What research strategies and tools will you use to learn more about your problem? How will you evaluate your sources? What question do you hope your research will help you answer?
3. Briefly identify your working solution to the problem. How might your working solution solve the problem? Be sure to note, here, that your working solution will evolve through continued research and analysis.