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- **What kind of data is out there?**
  - Visit http://www.morris.umn.edu/services/cst/statbook/
  - Select any database you want.
  - Select a characteristic that you find interesting.
  - Select an area of study that you want to get information (city, county, state).
  - Pointers: Pick rural places and urban places – compare and contrast your findings. Or compare counties with the state as a whole.
  - There should be a minimum of 5 counties or compare 2-3 counties over time.
- **How am I going to prepare my report?**
  - Use the *Statistics Civic Engagement* template to see the things you need to complete.
  - Determine the 1) variables and the 2) area of study (city, county, the state as a whole) you want to look at.
  - Create a "catchy" headline – no more than 8 words
  - Provide a source for the data (for example, US Census)
  - Write an easy to understand paragraph that interprets what the data shows.
- **How am I going to produce the statistical graphs?**
  - You need to use Excel to produce the statistical graphs.
  - Copy the chart from Excel into the template in Word.
  - Bring your template for the peer review (next section).
- **How am I going to submit my work?**
  - You will first have your template peer reviewed in class. This document is available on the project website. DO NOT SUBMIT until it has been reviewed.
  - After a successful review, submit your report via email to Ben.
- **Criteria for Successful Completion –** innovative choice of topic, a layout that is easy to understand, an interpretation that accurately describes the data.

Peer Review Day: April 15, 2008

DUE DATE: _____April 17, 2008_____

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Media Report Template

***Fill out this sheet for the initial reviewing process, and keep to use as a guide when you upload the information to the webpage.**

Name:

County or Other Area of Analysis:
Headline:
Graph: **Make this chart in Excel, copy and paste into this document.** **DO NOT DELETE YOUR PROJECT FILES UNTIL THE SEMESTER IS OVER!!**
Data Source: **(See "Possible Data Sources" sheet if you used the Datanet website)**
Interpretation:

Your Hometown: