The purpose of this assignment is to:

- Familiarize yourself with the resources and databases available in our media center
- Distinguish between trustworthy and non-trustworthy sources
- Explore a topic that both interests you and relates to *A Long Way Gone*
- Share your findings with the rest of your class

☐ **Step 1:** Choose a topic from the list provided or come up with one on your own (must have something to do with the novel).

☐ **Step 2:** Research that topic

☐ **Step 3:** Create a PowerPoint or Prezi of at least 5 slides of information (title slide and bibliography slide are separate, so at least 7 slides total) showcasing your research

Requirements for Presentation:

- **A Thesis Statement**

- **10**

- **In-text citations on each slide, specifying where your information came from**

- **10**

- **Necessary definitions and background information about your topic**

- **20**

- **At least 5 points (slides) of information**

- **30**

- **A picture or graphic on each slide**

- **15**

- **A Bibliography Slide with all sources listed correctly, alphabetized, etc...**

- **15**

- **100**

**TOPIC LIST:**

Child soldiering, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, the U.N., Past empires and empire-building in Africa (France, England, Netherlands, etc.), Government and politics in Africa (elections, dictators, political upheaval, etc.), Civil war in Africa (select a nation), Military service and drug use, Drug rehabilitation and rehab strategies, Cuisine of Sierra Leone and villages in West Africa, African folklore and the role of storytelling, Memoir/diary/writing as therapy or coping device, Jungle survival (how to, dangers, preparation, etc.), Limits of human survival (mind and body), Role of music in warfare/patriotism/nationalism.