**Searching the Internet for the Truth: June 4, 1989**

Imagine that two high school students are conducting research on the same event in history: The Tiananmen Square Protests of 1989. One student is researching the same event from their school in the United States, while the other is researching the same even from their school in the People’s Republic of China. You will simulate both students’ initial research by using two different search engines.

On your own sheet of paper answer the following:

The American Student: Go to google ([www.google.com](http://www.google.com)) and type in “Tiananmen Square Massacre”

1. How many links can be accessed by this one search?
2. Scan through the first five sites. What seems to be the content of these links?
3. What words are repeated on all these sites/hits?
4. From your google search describe the What, Why, Who involved in the Tiananmen Square (1989).

The Chinese Student: Go to the search engine Baidu.com and type in “Tiananmen Square Massacre”

1. How many links can be accessed by this one search?
2. Again, scan through the first five sites. What seems to be the content of these sites?
3. From your Baidu search describe the What, Why, Who involved in the Tiananmen Square (1989).

With your group discuss the following questions and write down your ideas.

1. How does the content of these search pages differ from each other?
2. Why do you think the content of Google and Baidu are different.

Brainstorm a few other topics to search and write them down on your sheet of paper.

Example:

Topic 1 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Topic 2 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Topic 3 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. How similar were these searches?
2. Describe the similarities and differences you encountered.

Go to the following link and read the article:

<http://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2016/01/why-google-quit-china-and-why-its-heading-back/424482/>

1. Explain why Google pulled out of China?
2. Evaluate if you think this was a good or bad decision?
3. What do companies like Facebook and Twitter do in order to deal with censorship requests?

Go to the following link: <https://www.hrw.org/world-report/2015/country-chapters/china-and-tibet>

1. List the ways in which China violates human rights?
2. Research the United States on this same website, briefly discuss and analyze the claims made?
3. What are the values and limitations of the human right watch website (origin, purpose and content!)?