Exercise 3a (due Thursday, April 7th):

Between now and Wednesday evening, you should spend a substantial amount of time exploring ideas and sources. You can do much of this initial research through the library’s catalog and on-line journals. By Wednesday evening, you should have narrowed the range of your inquiry sufficiently to complete the following assignment.

You should write out two paragraphs, the first of which describes your area of interest and the central question or problem you plan to investigate, and the second of which outlines your strategy for researching your topic and your sense of the difficulties you may encounter.

For Thursday’s class, I also want you to read and bring in an article relevant to your provisional topic. Be prepared to summarize that article briefly for your fellow students. The article you bring can be printed from an e-journal or copied from a print journal or book. It should not come from a newspaper or news magazine.