When deciding your reporting topic

Your topic can be more of a general theme, but each of your project posts should cover specific and focused sub-topics. For example, ‘’Soccer Teams of Ankara’’ is a general topic. ``Ankara’s soccer fans: Gecekondu in action`` is a more specific project title.

1. Keep in mind your topic should allow you for multimedia projects. For practical purposes, choosing a doable project is very important. Once you have a topic that interests you, you need to do brainstorming to see which narrative and multimedia projects could be doable. Can you find more information about your topic that will interest your readers? Who can you interview? What visuals, what audio would make more sense to go with this story? How should you and can you relay the information in a more interesting and informational way to your readers using your research and recordings?
2. Once you decide to cover a theme (called a beat), think both in textual and visual terms when doing your research. Take a note of the keywords that stand out to you. You want a topic that will teach you more about it once you do research online, in the library, in a museum or on the streets and with people depending on your topic. This research should bring up interesting points and findings that will add to your theme, or lead you to new stories.
3. Divide your attention to our project line. For each of your pieces, you need a narrative and you need multimedia, such as photo, video or audio recordings. Your term projects will be: 1. A helpful informational overview, a go-to source post with links (online research) 2. An online aggregation project that gathers twitter and youtube posts in Storify (online research) 3. A photo project. (still camera) 4. An audio photoslide (a recorder) 5. A video project (a video project) 6. A combination project (any 2 above). You will have free posts during the semester where you can also write or create your own project as a bonus, which can also allow you to promote your content that didn’t fit in.
4. To be able to do these, you should be able to find people to interview, take pictures, record audio, video, or write text using other resources such as books, websites or other blogs to serve and enrich your narrative.
5. Our website is the medium to cover and publish your beat, but you will manage your own page. Magazines need consistent design, so once we decide about fonts and headline design, you should stick to it and follow the same patterns for every post.