Sarah Vigliotta* (sarah.vigliotta@yale.edu). Connecting Class Topics to Student Interests. "When will I ever use this?" This question is asked by students repeatedly in classrooms. By asking them to try and answer this question themselves, we allow students the creative freedom to explore topics that we otherwise might not cover in class. In this talk, we will discuss an article project used in a course titled Estimation and Error as a way for students to discover how the material discussed in class related to topics of interest to them. We will highlight the course itself including topics covered and student demographic, and end with some student remarks related to this particular end of term assignment. (Received September 25, 2018)