

Controversial Social Issues



Springville High School Research Guide

TASK DEFINITION:

Social issues tend to be provocative or controversial and invite further discussion and exploration. This research paper provides an opportunity for you to further investigate a social problem or issue that is controversial, as well as interesting to you. You will research both sides of the issue or problem, analyze and synthesize the information, then take a side which you will defend in your research paper, supporting your opinion with the information you've researched.

You will use MLA format for in-text documentation and for your works cited page.

BACKGROUND SOURCES: This is where you start your research

These sources will give you an overview of your topic, a list of authorities in the field and their works, and provide you with the keywords you will need to research your topic.

GENERAL ENCYCLOPEDIAS – NOT included in your works cited as they are general knowledge, not research

Americana **Ref 031 AME**
Encyclopedia Britannica **Ref 031 BRI**
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SPECIALIZED ENCYCLOPEDIAS

Civil Rights in America **Ref 323.0973 SIG**
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Death Penalty **Ref 364.66 MIT**
Encyclopedia of American Civil rights and Liberties **Ref 342.7308 ENC**
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Women's Rights on Trial **Ref 346.7301 FRO**

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