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| <b>Assignment:</b> | <b>Positional Research Paper</b> |
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| <b>Teacher:</b> | Brooks, Gorsetman, Hallberg, Johnson, Moll |
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| <b>Trimester:</b> | 2 |
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Your job is to write a position paper about an issue relevant in today's society. You are to present an argument that that will support a particular point of view. There is a list of possible topics at the bottom of this page. You will find a pathfinder below to help you with your research. If you need further assistance, feel free to ask Mrs. Jensen for help.

### Places to find information for this assignment:

**Databases:**

[E-Books](#)

[Gale Group](#)

[Opposing Viewpoints](#) explores each issue through expert opinions in a pro/con format.

[ProQuest](#) local, national, and international newspapers

**Websites:**

[IDEA: Debatabase](#)

[Public Agenda](#)

[Multnomah County Library : social issues](#)

[Palo Alto College : Controversial Issues](#)

[Pros and Cons of Controversial Issues](#)

[St. Ambrose University](#)

[Santa Ana College : Controversial Issues Site](#)

[Twin Lakes School Library](#)

[Yahoo Issues & Causes](#)

## Topic Ideas

|                               |                           |                                  |
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| Abolition of boxing           | Gambling                  | Pollution                        |
| Abortion                      | Gangs                     | Population growth                |
| Adoption                      | Gay marriages             | Pornography                      |
| Affirmative action            | Gays in the military      | Poverty                          |
| AIDS (disease)                | Genocide                  | Prisons                          |
| Alcoholism                    | Global warming            | Prohibition of school prayer     |
| Animal rights                 | Gun control               | Public assistance                |
| Arranged marriages            | Health care reform        | Race relations                   |
| Assisted suicide (euthanasia) | Homelessness              | Racism                           |
| Banning of Confederate flag   | Homeschooling             | Rape                             |
| Beauty contests               | Homosexuality             | Religion                         |
| Bioethics                     | Human cloning             | Renewable energy                 |
| Biological weapons            | Internet censorship       | Right of privacy                 |
| Birth control                 | Invasion of Iraq          | School violence                  |
| Cameras in courtrooms         | Islamic fundamentalism    | Sex education                    |
| Capital punishment            | Juvenile alcoholism       | Sexual behavior                  |
| Censorship                    | Juvenile drug abuse       | Single-sex schools               |
| Chemical weapons              | Juvenile offenders        | Smoking                          |
| Child abuse                   | Legalization of marijuana | Stem cell research               |
| Child curfews                 | Mandatory retirement      | Suicide                          |
| Church and state              | Media violence            | Teenage pregnancy                |
| Condoms in schools            | Medical care              | Teenage sexual behavior          |
| Conservation                  | Medical ethics            | Terrorism                        |
| Creationism vs. evolution     | Mental disorders          | United States foreign relations  |
| Divorce                       | Mental health             | Use of mobile telephones in cars |
| Drinking alcohol              | Middle East               | Violence                         |
| Driving while intoxicated     | Minimum wage              | War crimes                       |
| Drugs and athletes            | Narcotics control         | Water pollution                  |
| Emigration and immigration    | Narcotics legalization    | Welfare reform                   |
| Endangered species            | National security         | Women's rights                   |
| Environmentalism              | Nuclear weapons           | Youth                            |
| Feminism                      | Nutrition                 | Zero tolerance                   |
| Flag burning                  | Oceans                    | Zoos                             |
|                               | Political corruption      |                                  |

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