

ENGLISH II RESEARCH PAPER

The completion of a research paper is a course requirement of the English II class. This year's research paper will explore social problems. You may select a topic from a list that I provide you or select a topic of your own design. Only one student per class may have a particular topic. The following list details the requirements and important dates related to this assignment.

Requirements:

- 4-6 pages in length (Typed, double-spaced, 12 point Times New Roman font), and 1 1/4 inch margins). Note: The 4-6 pages requirement does NOT include the required title page, outline, or works cited page.
- 5 sources minimum. Only one encyclopedia (on-line or print), only two regular internet sources
- Outline
- Works Cited page
- Rough Draft (Typed – Three pages minimum)
- Final copy

Due Dates: _____ **Topic Finalized**

_____	Thesis Statement (20 points); Evidence of Three Sources (10 points)
_____	Preliminary Outline (25 points)
_____	Evidence of Five Sources (10 points); Typed Works Cited page (25 points)
_____	Rough Draft (60 Points)
_____	Final Draft (200 points)

Final Thoughts: The preliminary work is a requirement. I will not accept a final paper without having seen the preliminary work including the rough draft. Plagiarism will result in a zero on the final paper. If the paper is late, you lose 25% per day.

CONTROVERSIAL SOCIAL ISSUES

VHS LIBRARY PATHFINDER:

A. Print Resources:

1. Reference Books – Taking Sides – R 303.6 TAK

2. Web Catalog:

a. Go to www.vermilionschools.org/vhs/library

b. Select Library Sites.

c. Select Vermilion High School.

d. Click on the large cat on the left.

e. Type in your search term and click on either subject search or all fields

f. Search for Opposing Viewpoints books, Current Controversies books,

Point/Counterpoint books or At Issue books by selecting a series search.

3. Ritter Web Catalog:

Ritter

a. **If you can't find any books in our library, you can search**
Library's catalog from our search screen. At the top of
the search
screen click on More Libraries.

b. **After Ritter's web page loads, click on Library Catalog on**
the upper-left
corner of the page.

c. **If you cannot find a book at Ritter, you can search the**
Clevenet Library
Catalog. Remember, if you find a book that you want, you MUST
USE your Ritter Public Library Card to reserve the book in your
name
and have it sent to Ritter.

B. Computer Resources:

1. **Magazine Searches: See the Handout**

2. **Clevenet Database: Opposing Viewpoints**

a. **Go to: www.ritter.lib.oh.us**

b. **Look for Clevenet on the left and select Databases**

c. **Search the bottom search box (Databases) using the words**
Opposing

Viewpoints and then click on the link to Opposing Viewpoints.

d. Type in your Public Library card number in the box and the last four digits of your phone number in the second box and submit.

3. Internet Sources: Go into Favorites and do the following:

a. Look for the English folder and open it.

b. Look for D'Egidio's folder and open it.

c. Look for Social Issues folder and open it. There are bookmarked web sites

that contain both pro and con information on a wide variety of controversial issues.

4. Websites containing controversial issues:

<http://www.suffolk.lib.ny.us/libraries/cmmk/speech.html>

<http://www.multcolib.org/homework/sohc.html>

<http://www.sheboygan.lib.wi.us/pages/linkssoc.html>

<http://library.sau.edu/bestinfo/Hot/hotindex.htm>

<http://www.sosu.edu/lib/subsocis.htm>

http://dir.yahoo.com/society_and_culture/issues_and_causes/

<http://www.procon.org/?gclid=COOgm-K574cCFQtHQQodf2g0gA>

