

take a stance!



persuasive research essay

Your essay is due in

Steps to Complete:

days!

- 1. Write about a time in your life when you witnessed, participated in, or experienced an act of injustice. Post your response on the [message board](#).*
- 2. Visit the website "[20 Protest Songs That Matter](#)," choose one that speaks to you, and respond to the questions on the [message board](#).*
- 3. Find a song speaking about social change to share with the class by posting a copy of the lyrics on the [message board](#).*
- 4. Brainstorm and select a topic for your essay by browsing [www.speakout.com](#), [www.procon.org](#), [www.amnestyusa.org](#), etc. or by completing the [Political Philosophy Quiz](#). On the [message board](#), fill in the RAFT questions (Role, Audience, Format, & Topic).*
- 5. Complete the Pre-Research Brainstorming Activity covering just your thoughts and feelings about your chosen topic before you begin researching for published resources.*
- 6. Research your topic using the [Michigan Electronic Library](#) and find at least five reliable sources.*

HELPFUL LINKS:

- [Rogal Class File Cabinet](#) - Download the checklist, notes, and practice sheets from home
- [Michigan Electronic Library](#) - Read full text articles from magazines and newspapers; find current reference sources; use advanced search functions
- [www.BibMe.org](#) - The fully automatic bibliography maker that auto-fills. It's the easiest way to build a works cited page. And it's free.

FORMER STUDENTS' TOPIC CHOICES:

- Restricting/Promoting the Death Penalty in the United States
- Expanding Stem Cell Research in Michigan
- Eliminating Zero Tolerance Policies in high schools
- Increasing punishment for Hate Crimes
- Ending Unfair Labor Practices
- Exploring the use of Alternative Energy
- Protecting Endangered Species
- Ending Animal Testing for cosmetics
- Increasing US Aide for the people of Darfur
- Promoting Women's Rights in the Congo
- Limiting laws on Gun Control

7. Use your research articles to compose a found poem and post it on the message board.
8. Construct an organizer for the first draft of your research paper. The organizer must indicate from which research articles your eight quotes can be found.
9. Complete the in-text citations practice and a draft of your Works Cited Page.
10. Complete a first draft of your research paper which includes a Works Cited Page. Try using www.BibMe.org for help with the full citations.
11. Complete a self-assessment of your first draft and make revisions. Remember revisions include (but are not limited to) reworking, rearranging, reconfiguring, reexamining, reevaluating, restarting, removing, re-researching, or completely redoing some part of (or the whole) essay.
12. Share your essay with the teacher via Google Docs for teacher revisions. The teacher will not make editing corrections at this time only revision suggestions and assistance with in-text citations.
13. Complete the peer editing process with a partner either by playing "Revision Rummy" and/or "Go Edit" or by completing the checklist. Then, make revisions to your draft. You **MUST** read your paper aloud to your partner.
14. Revise and edit based on the teacher and peer editor's recommendations.
15. Hand in a final hard copy for a grade after completing a self-evaluation on the rubric.
16. Complete the activist reflection post on the message board.

POWERFUL WORDS

Justice is conscience, not a personal conscience but the conscience of the whole of humanity. Those who clearly recognize the voice of their own conscience usually recognize also the voice of justice. - Alexander Solzhenitsyn



Made on a Mac