



Welcome to your Opinion Essay unit!

When you are done with this project you will be an expert in your chosen topic.

Use this page to make sure you have all the research you need to write an amazing Opinion Essay!

Due Dates:

- Your **1st RAD form** is due **Monday, April 13th**.
- Your **2nd RAD form** is due **Thursday, April 16th**.
- Your **3rd RAD form** is due on **Thursday, April 23rd**.
- Your **4th RAD form** is due on **Monday, April 27th**.
- Your outline is due on Thursday, April 30.
- Your **rough draft (including the bibliography)** is due on **Thursday, May 7th**.
- Your **essay final draft, bibliography final draft and research packet** is due on **Friday, May 15th**.
- Your **ESSAY PARTY** is on **Monday, May 18th**.

Important Worksheets and More...

[Research Plan Worksheet](#)

[RAD Forms](#)

[Research and Bibliography Rubric](#)

[Opinion Essay Outline](#) (using Inspiration, at school only)

[Bibliography Instructions](#) and [Example](#)

Research Recommendations:

[eLibrary](#), [eLibrary](#), [eLibrary](#) has been very helpful for topics 6th graders have chosen in the past.

- Remember that you will want to find information from sources you can trust, especially for your first two RAD forms. eLibrary is a great place to do that.

You may find some of the following databases and websites helpful as well:

- [Britannica Online](#) for background information on your topic.
- [Science Resource Center](#) for issues in the environment, animal rights, medicine, etc.
- [Teen Health and Wellness](#)
- [The Internet Public Library](#) is a great place to find trustworthy "free web" sites.
- [Books from the library](#) We have books on many of your topics.
 - Don't forget to check the **Current Issues** encyclopedia of controversial topics.
 - Check with Ms. Harris if you can't find what you need.
- [ProCon.org](#) has information on all sides of different controversial issues
- **NEW:** [Opposing Viewpoints Database](#)

Surveys and Interviews may be helpful (and even necessary) for your research. Ms. Harris and Mrs. Rippl will be giving you directions and suggestions for these types of sources.

- **All surveys and interviews must be pre-approved by Mrs. Rippl and/or Ms. Harris. SURVEYS MUST BE APPROVED BY Thursday, April 16th.**

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