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Current Controversies Research - Mr. Serr/Mrs. King

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You are writing a 5-7 page paper on a current controversial issue in the news. You will be using the same types of sources that you used for your argumentative essay earlier this year. You will want to use a variety of sources as you did for that paper. The difference between this research paper and your argumentative essay is that you are not to insert your own opinion into this paper. You are reporting objectively on the issue, not trying to convince someone to take your side. Your paper is due May 20.

Your paper must include:

- Thesis statement
- Historical background of the issue
- Pros AND Cons
- Conclusion predicting the outcome of the issue
- Works Cited (correctly formatted in MLA style) - use Noodletools (link over on the left)

Recommended Sources:

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[Issues and Controversies](#) - database provided by the Westerville Public Library

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[ProCon.org](#) - website with information from experts on various issues

[Controversial Issues](#) - from Palo Alto College

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[Social Issues](#) - Multnomah County Library

Time Magazine - [online](#) and in print in the Media Center

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