

Topic Guidelines

You must choose a topic that has **at least** 2 sides (usually, opposing). Your topic must be both problematic (no easy answers, multiple perspectives) and significant (worth pursuing).

Additionally, I forbid the following topics:

- Abortion
- Capital Punishment
- Gun Control
- Nuclear Weapons
- Euthanasia
- School Prayer
- Drug Legalization
- Violence in Media or Games
- Global Warming

I ban these because I have read just too many of these papers and I am bored [yawn] of them (it has nothing to do with the fact that most are politically heated). They are too obvious. Explore new things. Look for campus issues, state issues, or if you must go global, find something new and fresh to delve into. Also, it should be something you don't already have an opinion about.

Additionally, you are not allowed to use the topics that we will be looking at from the previous semester. You are allowed to do something related or similar, however, you are not allowed to use the same sources.