Freshman research topics

1) Should adoption records be open to adoptees?

2) Is alternative medicine (for example, acupuncture) effective and safe?

3) Should college athletes be paid to play?

4) How can prison overcrowding be relieved?

5) Should animals be used in circuses or amusement parks?

6) Are celebrities good role models?

7) Are chain stores ruining America?

8) Should the government be monitoring phone records?

9) Does social media increase bullying?

10) Can diets be harmful?

11) Should online companies be able to sell your personal information?

11) Are carbon offsets effective in reducing global warming?

12) Should censorship occur in the educational system?

13) Should countries be allowed to use children in their work force?

14) Is rap music harmful to women?

15) Should the government build a wall on the United States - Mexico border?

16) Is ethnic profiling valid for the safety of society?

17) Is the death penalty administered fairly?

18) Do infectious diseases pose a serious threat?

19) Does capital punishment deter crime?

20) Does outsourcing harm America?

21) Is the government hiding information on the presence of UFOs?

22) Should shoe companies be able to give away free shoes and equipment to high school athletes?

23) Do beauty contests serve any purpose in society?

24) Are standardized tests harmful to students?

25) Should students have to wear uniforms?

26) Should all American citizens have to complete a year of community service?

27) Should students’ textbooks be replaced by mobile versions on computers?

28) Should teens be able to buy violent video games?

29) Should boys and girls be in separate classes?

30) Should teenage girls be allowed to get birth control without the permission of their parents?

31) Should illegal immigrants be allowed the opportunity to become citizens?

32) Should the government place a tax on junk food and fatty snacks?

33) Should the 2nd amendment give citizens the right to own assault weaponry?

34) Should people be allowed to keep exotic animals like chimpanzees or tigers?

35) Should people be allowed to keep pit-bull dogs?

36) Should Oklahoma City offer a bike sharing program?

37) Should school athletes have to take drug tests?

38) Should teachers be allowed to carry guns in school?

39) Does popular culture such as music, film or television promote violence?

40) Should the government fund embryonic stem cell research?

41) Does reality TV encourage immoral behavior?

42) Should the federal government bailout private industry?

43) Should teens be able to get cosmetic surgery?