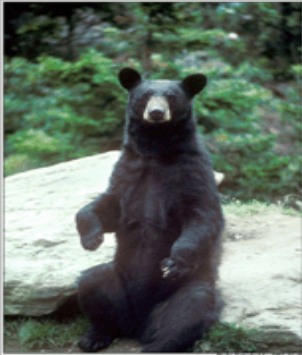


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RESEARCH TIP:

✓ *Picking a Topic*

It's important to choose something that is interesting to you and also meets the requirements of your project.



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Leading Issues

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Abortion	Banned Books	Clean Coal
Abortion, Moral and Ethical Aspects	Basque Country	Climate Change
Abstinence	Battered Women	Cloning
Abstinence and AIDS Prevention	Beauty Pageants	Colombia
Abstinence Education	Binge Drinking New!	Commercial Whaling
Access to Contraception	Bioethics and Cloning	Conflict Diamonds
Acculturation and Assimilation	Biomedical Technology	Conservation of Natural Resources
Adoption	Bioterrorism	Consumer Privacy
Advertising	Birth Control	Controversial Mascots
Advertising and Children	Birth Control Availability	Convicted Felons' Rights
Advertising in Schools	Black Market	Copyright Infringement
Affirmative Action	Body Image	Cosmetic Surgery
Afghanistan	Bulimia	Criminal Justice
AIDS	Bullying	Cults
AIDS in Africa	Business Ethics	Curfew
Alcohol Use	Campaign Funds	Cursive Writing New!
Alcoholism	Cancer New!	Cyberbullying
Alternative Education	Capital Punishment	Cybercrime
Alternative Energy Sources	Cell Phones in School	Cybersocializing
Alternative Medicine	Censorship	Darfur
Animal Cloning	Character Education	Date Rape
Animal Cruelty	Charter Schools New!	Dating Violence
Animal Experimentation	Cheating	Death Penalty/Capital Punishment
Animal Rights	Chechnya	Democracy
Anonymous Egg and Sperm Donation	Cheerleading New!	Diplomacy New!
Anorexia	Child Abuse	Discrimination in Criminal Justice Administration
Anti-Immigrant Movement	Child Care	Distracted Driving New!
Arts Censorship	Child Labor	Divorce
Assisted Suicide	Child Sexual Abuse	Domestic Terrorism
Athletes' Pay	Children's Online Protection Laws	Domestic Violence and Child Abuse
Bailout	Church and State	
	Civil Rights	

“How has this Leading Issue affected communities in other states or countries where my family or friends live?”

DID YOU KNOW?

✓ Essential Questions

Essential Questions with answers and viewpoints will help you understand the specific question under debate for each issue.

Doping in Sports	First Amendment and Censorship	Homework
Downloading	Food and Nutrition	Human Cloning
Drilling for Oil	Food Safety	Human Reproductive Technology
Drug Control	Foreign Policy, U.S. New!	Human Rights
Drug Legalization	For-Profit Schools New!	Human Rights, Universal
Drug Testing	Fracking New!	Human Smuggling
Drunk Driving	Freedom of Religion	Human Trafficking
Eating Disorders	Freedom of Speech	Hunting
Economic Inequality New!	Freedom of the Press	Identity Cards
Economic Policy, U.S.	Gambling	Identity Theft
Education Policy	Gangs	Illegal Immigration
Educational Tests and Measurements	Gay Adoption	Immigration
Elections	Gay Liberation Movement	Interfaith Movement
Electoral College	Gay Rights	International Adoption
Emergency Contraception	Gays in the Military New!	International Monetary Fund
Endangered Species	Genetic Engineering	International Space Station
Energy Conservation New!	Genetic Testing	International Trade
Energy Dependency New!	Genetically Modified Foods	International War on Drugs
Energy Policy New!	Genocide	Internet Censorship
Environmentalism	Global Economic Policy	Internet Gambling
Ethics and Criminal Behavior	Global Financial Crisis	Internment
Ethnic Relations	Global Warming	Interracial Adoption
European Union	Globalization	Iran New!
Euthanasia	Globalization, Moral and Ethical Aspects	Iraq
Experimental AIDS Treatment	Green Movement	Islamic Fundamentalism
Extraterrestrial Life	Gun Control	Jammu and Kashmir
Factory Farms	Gun Safety	Jobs for Immigrants
Fad Diets	Hate Crimes	Journalism and School Censorship
Fair Trade	Health Care	Junk Food Tax New!
Family	Health Care Reform	Jury System
Famine	Helicopter Parents New!	Juvenile Delinquency
Fantasy Sports Leagues	Herbal Supplements	Keystone Pipeline New!
Federal Government and Economic Policy	Holocaust Denial	Korean Peninsula
Federal Regulation of Prescription Drugs	Homelessness	Labor Unions New!
Filtering Software	Homelessness, International	Late-Term Abortion
	Homeschooling	Lobbying

Local Food Movement	Pollution	Single-Sex Schools/Classrooms
Marijuana Legalization	Polygamy	Smokeless Tobacco
Mass Media	Popular Culture	Smoking
Media Bias	Pornography	Smoking Bans
Medical Ethics	Poverty	Social Security Reform
Medical Malpractice	Poverty, International	Solar Energy
Medical Marijuana	Prescription Drug Advertising	Sovereignty
Medical Practice Regulation	Privacy and the Press	Space Exploration & Travel
Mental Depression	Privacy in Schools	Space Missions
Mental Health	Privacy in the Workplace	Space Vehicles
Mental Health Insurance	Privacy Rights for Teenagers	Sports
Merit Pay for Teachers	Privatization	Sports, Youth New!
Military Recruiting	Property Rights	State Lotteries
Minimum Wage	Prostitution	Stem Cells
Mixed Martial Arts/Ultimeate Fighting	Racial Discrimination	Stock Markets
Mortgage and Lending Issues	Racial Profiling	Student Expression and School Discipline
Music Lyrics	Rape (Dating Violence)	Student-Athlete Compensation
National Security and Privacy	Recycling	Substance Abuse
Natural Disasters	Religion	Suicide
No Child Left Behind Act	Religion in the Public Sphere	Surrogacy
Northern Ireland	Religious Fundamentalism	Sweatshops
Nuclear Energy	Renewable Energy	Syria New!
Nuclear Weapons	Reporters and Shield Laws	Tanning Salons New!
Obesity	Right of Privacy	Targeted Strikes New!
Online Social Networks	Rights of Non-Mainstream Religions	Tax Exemptions for Religious Organizations
Organ Donation	Same-Sex Marriage	Taxation
Organic Food	School Discipline and Corporal Punishment	Teaching of Evolution
Outsourcing	School Prayer	Technology
Overpopulation	School Safety	Technology and Privacy
Ozone Depletion	School Schedule New!	Teenage Pregnancy
Palestinian Territories	School Shootings	Teenage Sexual Behavior
Parentage, Right to Know	School Uniforms	Teenagers, Civil Rights
Parental Consent for Abortion	School Vouchers	Teenagers, Suicidal Behavior
Partial Birth Abortion/Late-Term Abortion	Second Amendment and Right to Bear Arms	Teens and Cosmetic Surgery
Patients' Rights	Sex Education	Teens and Driving
Paying for Grades	Single Parents	Terrorism
Plastic Surgery		Title IX



RESEARCH TIP:

✓ **Target Audience**

Understanding characteristics of your target audience can influence your topic choice. Try to present a topic that is meaningful and interesting to your audience.

Tobacco Advertising
Tobacco Regulation
Torture
Treatment of Prisoners
U.S. Foreign Aid
U.S. War on Drugs
Underage Drinking
Underground Economy
Unemployment
United Nations
Vaccines for Kids **New!**
Vegetarianism
Violence in Mass Media
Virtual Classrooms **New!**
Voting Age
Voting Fraud
War Crimes/War Criminals
War on Terror
Water Use
Web 2.0
Welfare
Women's Rights
Work and Family
Workplace Discrimination
World Conflicts
Zero-Tolerance Policies
Zoos