

Newtown High School
Summer 2015



Incoming 11th Grade (going into H7)

Position Research Paper: Listed below are several topics that state differing viewpoints. You are to choose a topic and research it. From the research you will then have the knowledge to select one viewpoint and in a 2 page paper, defend your position.

Topics:

1. Constitutional Amendment outlawing same-sex marriage.
2. Ban on handguns in the United States.
3. Constitutional amendment protecting a woman's right to an abortion.
4. Death penalty should be eliminated in the United States.
5. Students should be drug tested.
6. Amnesty for immigrants that have become law abiding members of society.

This project will be completed in 2 parts.

Part 1: Organizational Chart of Issue: DUE Wednesday, September 16, 2015 Choose the issue that you will research and fill out the chart provided.

1. Define the issue and your position/opinion on it.
2. Find 3 pieces of information supporting your position.
3. Find 1 first hand account supporting your position.
4. Find 1 piece of information opposing your position or defining the other side.
5. Be sure to follow the reference guideline for the bibliography!!

Part 2: The Position Research Paper: DUE September 28, 2015

Directions: The paper must be typewritten and double spaced with a font size of 12.

Introduction: You will explain what your topic is and your position on the topic that you have chosen.

Body of Paper: You will defend your position in a 2-page research paper giving specific information and ideas to support your viewpoint. You will need at least 3 supporting ideas for your issue and 1 opposing (rebuttal).

Textbooks and encyclopedias are not permitted.

Conclusion: Your conclusion should evaluate the information and in your own words highlight what you believe is the strongest argument for your position and explain why you feel this way. **Bibliography:** You must include a list of references. Use www.easybib.com to cite your sources. Your references **MUST** include 2 editorials; 1 for the issue and one opposing the issue from a reputable Newspaper. You must also include a 1" hand account of a REAL person whose story supports your Position on this issue. (A minimum of 3 articles is required.)

Remember: Part 1 of the assignment is due on Wednesday, September 16, 2015. This summer assignment is a requirement for the course. Failure to submit this assignment will affect your first marking period grade. It will be vital for you to complete part one of this assignment before you can move on to part two. Part 2 of the assignment will be completed by September 28, 2015. The mark you earn will count as a test grade toward your first marking period report grade. The grade will appear on your first marking period report card.

