

Research Paper Proposal

As a research project during your junior year, you will be choosing a topic to research. The topic you can choose is open to any concept that fits this criteria:

1. Two parts - Explanatory, Argumentative
2. Researchable, but not a Wikipedia page.
3. Not gun control (it's my example), abortion, or controlled substances*
4. Pick something you WANT to learn MORE about, not something that you already have already formed an opinion about

My proposed topic:

Be SPECIFIC. Don't say "Mental Health" because you can't cover the entirety of mental health in a 2-4 page paper. Narrow your topic to a focused idea such as "Potential Improvements in School that would assist teenage mental health"

Write topic here

STEP 2

- **Generate an overarching Research Question** that will guide what you want to learn about your topic. List any additional questions you have or want to learn.
 - **Good research question:** What are the arguments of retaining or getting rid of the electoral college in the United States for presidential elections?
 - **Bad research question:** Is the electoral college good? Or, What is the electoral college?

My proposed research question:

Write question here

Write other questions here

STEP 3

- **Outline what you need to learn and organize them into subtopics.**

Briefly jot down 2-5 ideas that you will need to learn about in order to explain the importance, complexity, and background of your topic. For example, if you are researching "Potential Improvements in School that would assist teenage mental health" you might need to research 1) current state of mental health in teens 2) current ways public school is addressing student mental health needs 3) solutions to mitigate mental health issues

Write subtopics here:

STEP 4

- List two sources that you could potentially use and briefly summarize each site. One must be a general internet source and one must be from a research database

Google Source	Research database source
Source summary:	Source summary:
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