Topical Topics for Research

The sample list below is organized by subject area to help you brainstorm research topic ideas. You will focus your topic when you write your thesis statement. For example, the French Revolution as a topic is too broad. In your paper, narrow your thesis by posing a question: What were the primary causes of the French Revolution?

Current Events & Global Issues

Addiction
Black Lives Matter Movement
Border Walls
Censorship
Dingo Fence (Australia)
Driverless Vehicles
Drones
Equal Pay
Gun Control
Hacktivism
Homelessness
Human Trafficking
Hunting
Legalized Gambling
Marijuana Legalization
Media Ethics
National Anthem Protests
Net Neutrality
Obesity
Plastic Bans (e.g., bags, straws)
Police Body Cameras
Population Growth
Privacy in the Information Age
Same-Sex Marriage
Sanctuary Cities
Secession & Quebec (Canada)
Sugar Tax (New Zealand)
Trapping Industry (Canada)
Uber & the Ride-Sharing Industry
Universal Health Care
Vaping
Waterboarding / Torture
Zoos & Circuses

History

Abolition of Slavery
American Civil War
Ancient Egypt
Apartheid
Arab Spring
Atomic Bomb
Aztec Civilization
Bali Nine (Australia)
Cold War
Crusades
French Revolution
Great Wall of China
Holocaust
Holy Roman Empire
Impact of Hippie Culture
Inca Civilization
Indentured Servitude
Industrial Revolution
Korean War
Mayan Civilization
McCarthyism
Norman Conquest
Propaganda
Revolutionary War
Salem Witch Trials
Stonehenge
Women's Suffrage
World War I
World War II
Vietnam War
Bullying in Schools  Junk Food in Schools  Student Loan Debt
Cell Phones in Schools  Later School Day Start Time  Year-Round Schooling
Drug Testing in Schools  School Uniforms  Zero-Tolerance Policies
Free College Tuition  Sex Education in Schools

Science & Technology

Alternative Energies  Concussions  Nuclear Power
Animal Experimentation  Facial Recognition Technology  Off-Shore Drilling
Arctic Drilling  Fracking  Phobias
Autism  Genetically Modified Foods  Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
Bottled Water  Global Warming  Predator Culls
Climate Change  Insecticides  Recycling
Cloning  Keystone Pipeline  Space Exploration
Colony Collapse Disorder  Light Pollution  Stem Cell Research

Social Studies & Government

Campaign Finance Reform  Electoral College  Polygamy
Capital Punishment  Gerrymandering  Term Limits
Cults  Immigration  Terrorism
Eminent Domain  Impeachment  Voter Identification Laws

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