

Ms. Ozaydin's 8th Grade English

Current Issues

Persuasive Writing Assignment

To find accurate, up-to-date information on your topic, follow this information pathfinder.

Find a Book

Click the logo to use OPAC – the Library catalog – to find a book on your topic in our Library Media Center.



Use the Subscription Databases

You will need a username and password to access these databases from home; SIRS requires that you login with the River Dell username and password even at school. To get a list of usernames and passwords for these databases, click here: [LIBRARY Eboard](#). Type in the password to open the inside eBoard containing the logins – password hint: h _ _ _ s.

Try these PRO / CON databases to research your topic (click on the logos):



Search the Web

Search Engine

Use the **CLUSTY** search engine to help you narrow your search and sort your results to find government and other authoritative Web sites on your topic. Be careful to evaluate the bias of any sites you find.

<http://clusty.com/>

Web Sites

General:

➤ **Pro/Con.org**

<http://www.procon.org/>

This is a good Web site containing both sides of these and other controversial issues:

- death penalty
 - euthanasia
 - immigration
 - The Pledge of Allegiance – should God be mentioned in the Pledge?
 - Iraq War
- **Social Issues – Multnomah County Library Homework Center**
<http://www.multcolib.org/homework/sochc.html>
- **International Debate Education Association**
<http://www.idebate.org/index.php>
- **Google Directory: Social Issues**
<http://directory.google.com/Top/Society/Issues/>

topic ideas:

- **animal welfare**
- **ensorship**
- **cloning**
- **drinking age**
- **driving age**
- **drug testing**
- **global warming/climate change**
- **gun control**
- **homework**
- **Internet filtering in school**
- **school prayer**
- **school uniforms**
- **smoking**
- **TV/movie/video game violence**
- **voting age**
- **year-round schooling**