

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



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

History



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| Abolition of Slavery | French Revolution | McCarthyism |
| American Civil War | Great Wall of China | Norman Conquest |
| Ancient Egypt | Holocaust | Propaganda |
| Apartheid | Holy Roman Empire | Revolutionary War |
| Arab Spring | Impact of Hippie Culture | Salem Witch Trials |
| Atomic Bomb | Inca Civilization | Stonehenge |
| Aztec Civilization | Indentured Servitude | Women's Suffrage |
| Bali Nine (Australia) | Industrial Revolution | World War I |
| Cold War | Korean War | World War II |
| Crusades | Mayan Civilization | Vietnam War |

Schools / Colleges



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| 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



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| 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



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

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