

## Research Topics—Writing 12 Argumentative Assignment

1. Should cigarettes and other tobacco products be outlawed?
2. Should prostitution be legal?
3. Do the benefits of medical marijuana justify its legality?
4. Is the drinking age appropriate (should it be lower, higher, or stay the same)?
5. Should the United States put more restrictions on gun ownership and use?
6. Should cellphone use be banned while driving?
7. Should juveniles be sentenced to life in prison?
8. Should an added tax be placed on sugary drinks, such as sodas?
9. Should consumers buy items from countries that endorse child labor?
10. Do patients have a right to die via physician-assisted suicide?
11. Should schools and businesses give more incentives for people to do volunteer work?
12. Do people who commit heinous crimes deserve the death penalty?
13. Should teens be allowed to have cosmetic surgery?
14. Is there too much pressure on teenagers to go to college or university?
15. At what age should citizens be allowed to vote in Canada?
16. Can online dating replace meeting a person in real life?
17. Does social media create isolation?
18. Can video games be a useful learning tool?
19. Is it acceptable for companies to advertise in schools?
20. Should warnings and side effects be made more clear in advertisements?
21. Do photoshopped images affect self-image and self-esteem?
22. Does the media create unrealistic expectations of relationships and marriage?
23. Does the media attempt to create hype to influence or scare the public?
24. Is it okay for parents to monitor teens' Internet use?
25. Should parents push their kids into extracurricular activities, such as music or sports?
26. At what age should children be allowed to have a cellphone?
27. Should animals be used for conducting research?
28. Are people too dependant on computers and technology?
29. Should energy drinks be illegal for minors under the age of 19?

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30. Should school be in session year-round?
31. Should restaurants be required to include visible nutritional information on all menu items?
32. Should there be a legal curfew for minors under the age of 18?
33. Do children deserve or need an allowance?
34. Should parents pay children for receiving good grades?

Other?? Clear it with Ms. Rioux first