**AP and Honors ENGLISH 3 RESEARCH PAPER TOPICS**

* Is there privilege in the justice system?
* Should there be safer training for softball/baseball pitchers?
* What is the solution to the social security crisis?
* Should Fred Phelps be protected by the 1st amendment?
* Is it ethical to engineer designer babies?
* What are the implications of the CSI effect on the legal system?
* Should the government offer incentives for people to drive electric cars?
* Do the risks of caffeine outweigh the benefits or vice versa?
* Should we have a national plan for curbing obesity and what should it be?
* Should we close Guantanamo Bay?
* What should America’s role in Darfur be?
* Do high stakes testing have a negative effect on students and schools?
* What should be the punishment for piracy of digital music?
* Should there be a mandatory HPV vaccine?
* Are paparazzi photojournalists?
* What should the NFL do differently to protect players against head trauma?
* Is medication over-prescribed and what are the effects (ADHD, birth control, antidepressants, etc)
* Are certain disorders overdiagnosed? (depression, ADHD, etc)
* What should be done to reform American healthcare?
* Are America’s biggest foreign threats Iraq or Afghanistan?
* Was the Civil War avoidable?
* Should DNA be admissible evidence in murder trials?
* Is hate crime legislation fair?
* To what extent are pandemics a threat to the US?
* At what ages and for what purposes is strength training appropriate?
* What are the advantages of genetically engineered foods?
* How should the government handle online gambling?
* How should the US deal with international genocide?
* Is the American welfare system improving poverty?
* How should China and India manage overpopulation?
* Is print journalism obsolete?
* What is the most effective and moral immigration policy for the US?
* Should scientists use animal testing?
* Academic pressure: how much is too much?
* Is the block schedule effective for high school?
* Will America always be the world’s economic superpower?
* Is hate crime legislation lawful?
* Are zoos good or bad?
* Do Supreme Court clerks have too much influence?
* How should downloading of music be managed?
* Should teens have cell phones?
* Do video games cause teens to be violent?
* Free trade or fair trade?
* Should Drs. prescribe antidepressants to teens?
* Were the Olympics good for China?
  + Humanitarian angle
  + Architecture/culture angle
  + Economics angle
* Are high stakes tests improving education in our school?
* Is the minimum wage a fair wage?
* IS the US Torture Policy constitutional or humane?
* Is the 1 Child Policy in China having too many negative effects?
* Do the health effects of energy drinks make them bad?
* Should people own exotic pets?
* First responders or athletic trainers?
* What was the cultural victory of the South in the Civil War?
* What is the viability of mixed-religion marriages?
* What are the merits of eclectic architecture?
* Do the risks in practicing ballet outweigh the health benefits?
* Is “super-parenting” detrimental?
* Should Brazilian Ju-Jitsu be an Olympic sport?
* Should cities be redesigned to be ecologically sustainable?
* How should the fast food industry be regulated?
* Is feminism counterproductive?
* Should schools increase safety restrictions for cheerleading?
* Are brain scans able to revolutionize field of lie detection?
* Is the foster care system is failing those it serves?
* Should Japan enforce a whaling ban?
* Is the death penalty effective?
* Is our election process fair?
* Is torture ever acceptable
* Should men get paternity leave from work?
* Is a lottery a good idea?
* Do we have a fair taxation system?
* Is cheating out of control?
* Are test scores a good indication of a school’s competency?
* Should companies market to children?
* Should schools provide sex education other than abstinence definition?
* Are beauty pageants exploitive?
* Does participation in sports keep teens out of trouble?
* Should parents and other interested citizens censor textbooks and other literature for children in schools?
* Should the government provide day care for working parents?
* Should openly gay individuals be allowed to serve in the armed forces?
* Should English be declared the official language of the United States?
* Should juvenile offenders be tried and punished as adults?
* Should the U.S. implement universal health care, and if so, how?
* Should the U.S. electronically tag pedophiles?