Freshman English Research Paper Topics

Select a topic from one of the following, although you may narrow the topic that you choose. Once you make your choice, please drop me a note stating a reason for the choice and your current view of the issue.

- 1. Should there be mandatory drug testing in the workplace?
- 2. Should women be allowed full access to military combat specialties in the U.S. Armed Forces?
- 3. Should assisted suicide be legalized?
- 4. Should the use of animals in medical research be illegal?
- 5. Should an individual's right to privacy override the public's right to know?
- 6. Should "workfare" replace welfare?
- 7. Should "legalized gambling" in the form or state and regional lotteries be discontinued?
- 8. Should single sex classrooms be an option in the public educational system?
- 9. Should strict quotas on immigration be eliminated by the U.S. government?
- 10. Should affirmative action policies be eliminated?
- 11. Should there be a legal limitation on the building of casinos owned by Native Americans?
- 12. Should adopted children be allowed access to knowledge about their biological parents?
- 13. Should minors be tried as adults?

- 14. Should "environmental activists," such as the Earth Liberation Front, be considered terrorists?
- 15. Should employers have access to genetic information of current and potential employees?
- 16. Should stem cell research continue?
- 17. Should the U.S. military exclude homosexuals?
- 18. Should all school employees be fingerprinted?
- 19. Should hate crimes be treated differently from other crimes?
- 20. Should all students receive scholarships to any grade school, public or private?
- 21. Should alternative medicine, such as the use of ephedra, be more closely regulated??
- 22. Should pregnant women who take illegal drugs be penalized?
- 23. Should public funding of election campaigns be increased?
- 24. Should people over a certain age receive only limited medical insurance?
- 25. Should nuclear electric generation be encouraged?
- 26. Should the new higher educational standards be lowered for some students?