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Your first stop for information and research needs!

Find Topic Ideas Worksheet

CQ Researcher

*Find a topic idea using **CQ Researcher**.*

1. Go to the **Step 1 – Topic Ideas & Overviews** section from the *Guide to Research at JSRCC Libraries* at http://libguides.reynolds.edu/research.

2. Click on the **CQ Researcher** link from the *Library Databases* box.

3. When the CQ Researcher main page appears, click on **Browse by Topic** from the menu on the left.

4. When the *Browse Reports by Topic* page appears, **click on any broad topic**. What broad topic did you select?

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5. When a list of more narrow subtopics appears, **click on any subtopic**. What subtopic did you select?

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6. When a list of CQ Researcher titles appears, **click on any title**. What title did you select?

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7. When the full report appears in a new window, note the question underneath the title. What is the topic question?

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8. Is there a ***Pro/Con*** heading in the table of contents menu?   ___ Yes   ___ No

9. If ***yes***, click on the **Pro/Con** link.

10. What is the Pro/Con argument phrased as a question?

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Issues and Controversies (Facts.com)

*Find a topic idea using **Issues and Controversies**.*

1. Go back to the **Step 1 – Topic Ideas & Overviews** section of the *Guide* and click on the **Issues and Controversies** from the *Library Databases* box.

2. When the main page appears, click on **any broad subject** in the *Subject Index* menu on the bottom left of the screen.

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Issues and Controversies (cont'd)

3. When the list of more narrow topics appears for the subject you selected, click on **any topic** that interests you.

4. When the list of report titles appears for the topic you selected, **click on any report** that interests you.   What report title did you select?

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5. When the report appears, review some of the arguments from both critics and supporters for issue/s covered in this report (see table of contents near the top). Briefly state some of the key issues discussed in this report.

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Open Sources on the Internet

*Find a topic idea using the link to **Subject Guides from Valencia Community College**.*

1. Go back to the **Step 1 – Topic Ideas & Overviews** section of the *Guide* and click on **Subject Guides** (Valencia Community College) from the *Web Sites* box.

2. When the Subject Guides page appears, **click on any subject**. What subject did you select?

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3. When the guide appears for your subject, scroll down to the list of ***Suggested Topics*** and select any topic that looks interesting. What topic (phrased as a question) did you select?

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