

Possible Topics for 12th Grade Persuasive Research Paper

- Should boxing be banned?
- Should the driving age be raised to 18?
- Should semi-automatic weapons be banned?
- Should teens who murder be executed?
- Should hunting be outlawed?
- Should recycling be mandatory?
- Should schools require student uniforms?
- Should college athletes be paid?
- Should condoms be available in high school?
- Should the death penalty be abolished?
- Should handguns be banned?
- Should assisted suicide be permitted?
- Should legal immigration be stopped?
- Should dying people be kept on life support?
- Should tobacco products be banned?
- Should the logging industry be allowed to harvest public forests?
- Should state lotteries be banned?
- Should alcoholic beverages be banned?
- Should alcoholic beverages be legalized for all ages?
- Should the Internet be censored?
- Should school prayer be allowed?
- Should music lyrics be censored?
- Should extremist groups (i.e. KKK, skinheads) be banned?
- Should parents of teen vandals be held responsible for their child's damage?
- Should research on cloning be discontinued?
- Should convicted sex offenders' names be made public?
- Should affirmative action laws which give special privileges to minorities be eliminated?
- Should a rookie salary cap be enforced in pro sports?
- Should the U.S. provide foreign aid?
- Should females in the military be excluded from combat and other "hazardous" duties?
- Should high schools be segregated by the sex of the student?
- Should parents of students who are excessively absent from school be prosecuted under the law?
- Should Native Americans be allowed to have gambling casinos on their reservations?
- Should students failing their classes in high school have their driver's license revoked?
- Should pros be allowed to draft college athletes before they graduate?
- Should wolves be reintroduced to public lands?
- Should free, disposable needles be given to drug addicts?
- Should marijuana be legalized?
- Should adopted children be given the choice of contacting their biological parents?

- Should mothers who give their children up for adoption be allowed to keep their identity secret?
- Should welfare be limited by time?
- Should all pregnant women be required to take an AIDS test?
- Should off-shore drilling be banned?
- Should school funding come from local property taxes?
- Should casino gambling be legalized in Ohio?
- Should the U.S. phase out the Electoral College (regarding presidential elections)?
- Should abortion be legal?
- Should students be required to pass proficiency tests in order to graduate from high school?
- Should people pulled over for DUI have their license suspended for life?
- Should pagers and cell phones be allowed in school?
- Should families of victims be allowed to decide the punishment of those who commit crimes?
- Should smoking be allowed in school?

NOTE: Watch the news, listen to the radio, read the newspaper, and watch for topics not listed above if you wish to choose your own topic