

Controversial Article Research Activity

This is the first part of a two-tiered assignment for Mr. Sovel's Computer Literacy class. It is designed to focus in on finding and using **credible research** from online sources [although you are not limited to online sources for all of your information].

Objectives: Write a **200 to 250** word essay [word processed] on a controversial topic, targeting a subject that affects people from 14 to 24 years old. For example, it could be about issues surrounding, smoking, weight, suicide, relationships or transmitted diseases. The essay must include certain elements:

1. A clear statement of the subject, the controversy surrounding it and the purpose and focus that you wish to introduce or address.
2. It must have information from two credible websites that present opposing positions on your topic.
3. It must have at least two online newspaper or magazine quotations that add weight and strength to your arguments.
4. It must contain a clear conclusion or statement that shows how your paper supports your purpose.

To begin this project path, you must submit, for instructor approval, the information requested in item #1 above.

Student: _____

Period ____

Topic: _____

What is the controversy:

What is the purpose you are going to focus on:

Date submitted to Mr. Sovel: _____

Approved: _____

NOT Approved _____

Approved with modifications: _____

Teacher comments: