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Social Studies Summer Assignment – Incoming 12th Grade Students

Position Research Paper: Listed below are several topics that state differing viewpoints. You are to choose a topic and research it. From the research you will then have the knowledge to select one viewpoint and in a 3-4 page paper, defend your position.

Example:

Introduction: You will explain what your topic is and your position on the topic that you have chosen.

Body of Paper: You will defend your position in a 3-page research paper giving specific information and ideas to support your viewpoint. You will need to utilize 2 different sources of reference. Textbooks and encyclopedias are not permitted.

Conclusion: Your conclusion should evaluate the information and in your own words highlight what you believe is the strongest argument for your position and explain why you feel this way.

Bibliography: *You must include a list of references.*

The paper must be typewritten and double spaced with a font size of 12.

Topics:

1. There should be metal detectors in schools.
2. The New York City school system should go back to disciplinary schools.
3. Parents should be able to choose whatever school they want for their children.
4. The United States should pull out of Iraq.
5. There should be a Constitutional Amendment outlawing same-sex marriage.
6. Plea bargaining should be eliminated from our legal system.
7. There should be a ban on handguns in the United States.
8. There should be a constitutional amendment protecting a woman's right to an abortion.
9. The United States should give more aid to poorer nations.
10. The death penalty should be eliminated in the United States.
11. The government should regulate the entertainment industry.
12. Juvenile criminals should be treated like adults.
13. Campaign contributions should not be limited to candidates.
14. Students should be drug tested.
15. The United States should allow open borders for immigrants.

Remember:

The assignment is due on Tuesday, September 14, 2010. Late papers will receive 15 points off per day. The last day for a late paper is Friday, September 17, 2010. No assignment will be accepted after this date without teacher permission. This summer assignment is a requirement for the course. Failure to submit this assignment will affect your first marking period grade, as well as your overall grade for the course.