

Research Essay Topics

Get acquainted with this list of **research essay topics** and develop one of them in your research essay.

- Examine the nature of totalitarianism, and the conditions that can give rise to it. This paper should examine what distinguishes totalitarianism from other forms of government. Look at examples of totalitarian governments to see why they came to power and held onto it. The end of totalitarian regimes should also provide insight to the conditions necessary to their success.
- What were the main waves of immigration into the United States? Why did the countries of immigrants' origin change over time: what was going on in the world at the time?
- History of Japanese theater, Kabuki.
- How is the Internet reshaping what we mean by culture, or the daily living habits of people? Use some case examples. What implications does this have for individuals, organizations, and society?
- Johann Sebastian Bach: The master and his works.
- History of Dyestuff Industry.
- China: The Early Empires.
- The invention of the negroes.
- Examine the impact of nationalism on the political system in a country of your choice. How does the group involved define itself and what are the end goals that nationalism is used to justify? Are there competing groups, each uses nationalism to justify certain political goals? In these discussions, you should be aware that nationalism can have different manifestations and objectives. Also, there can be positive and negative

aspects of nationalism and some comment on them (and on the problems of assessing them) may be in order.

- What are the main trends in the convergence of computers and television? What social implications do these have for families, schooling, work, and leisure activity?
- The history of the automobile industry in Korea during the Asian Financial Crisis of the late 1990s.
- The Mysteries behind Leonard Da Vinci.
- The Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island are each powerful symbols of the immigration experience in the United States. Why, and what do they mean to the United States and to you?
- Could China become a threat to the U.S Economy?
- Examine Wireless Communication and Bluetooth technology.
- Examine the uses to which referendums may be put in a political system. What are the justifications for holding a referendum, and on what sorts of issues? This analysis should discuss the merits of direct and indirect forms of democracy. Also, consideration should be given to the practical requirements and consequences of holding a referendum on a complicated or divisive topic.
- When was the INS as an agency started? What are its two main responsibilities today? What kind of core positions does it have? If you had to work for the INS, which one would you work for?
- Examine what federalism can mean, and the reasons why it might be adopted as the basic structure of a state. What problems does federalism help accommodate, and what problems does federalism itself pose to a political system? Your discussions should draw on practical examples from one or more federal states.

- Woman first received the right to vote in the 1920's. Examine the women's suffrage movement and the people and factors contributing to it. Besides enabling women to vote, how has this movement affected women for future generations?
- Men who rape: the psychology of the offender.
- Why has there been such a growth in Internet pornography? What are the characteristics of the 'industry' and how is it being regulated? You may wish to analyze a pornography site as a case study.
- Democracy is a general concept for a governing process but can have quite different manifestations. Examine the different forms it makes take. Is there a core to the concept? To what extent is the democratic principle inherently limited by the practical realities of any political system? Can the people always rule, vote freely, or have their views effectively translated into the composition of governments or public policy? This analysis should also mention the problem of majority rule and the issue of how minority interests may or may not justify limits on the will of the majority.
- Examine critically the idea that each nation or "people" has a right of self-determination to form a state of its own. What are the problems in defining the right or identifying who may claim it? What are the problems in exercising it? Examine what limits might be placed on the right and whether they are justifiable.
- With the 1920's came a new era of music: jazz. What were the influences behind this new musical genre and how has it influenced modern musicians of today?
- What are the roles of the legislature in a political system, and examine the constraints that can limit how effectively those roles can be fulfilled? Are there practical solutions to those limits - what new problems could the solutions pose? Use examples from one or more countries in answering these questions. Your analysis should include

discussions of the relationship between the legislature, the electorate, political parties, and the executive.

- There is currently a debate on the number and origins of immigrants coming to and living in the United States. Given the immigration levels set by Congress in 1990, are there too many, too few, or just the right amount of immigrants coming to the United States each year?
- Examine what 'judicial review' is and its role in the democracy. What are the main controversies about this role of the courts? This analysis should include discussions of the need for limited government and who should decide those limits. What role should the accountability of decision-makers to the electorate play?
- People don't leave their homelands and immigrate to another country for frivolous reasons. What are some of the reasons that motivate them to leave ["push factors"], and what are some of the reasons they might be attracted to one particular other land ["pull factors"] over another?
- Some people have to leave their homelands - for fear of being persecuted or killed. We call them refugees - people outside their country of origin who need to begin a new life. Under what condition should the United States accept some of these refugees into America? Why?
- One nation said that illegal migrants should be identified and removed within one (1) year of their illegal arrival or status - or that they should then be allowed to stay permanently. Is this a good idea for the U.S.? Why might this short one-year timeframe be important? What happens when undocumented aliens are in the U.S. longer than that?
- The 1920's was an era saturated with organized crime: bootlegging, the fixing of the World Series, and corruption within police forces. Who were the major players in

organized crime in the 20's and what crimes were they involved in? What impact did these people and their crimes have on society?