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# Research – Write – Present!

**Research/Essay Directions:** Please research from one of the below topics to write a brief essay. Use credible sources (typically .org, .gov – or just ask any teacher!). Make sure to also list the sources that you have used in your essay. MAKE SURE to include an introduction paragraph, body paragraphs, and a conclusion – always! Keep it organized by always using topic sentences and transitions (words) to ensure your ideas and sentences flow. Last, ALWAYS use examples and explanations to help the reader understand your arguments. Try to present both sides of each issue and THEN your own opinion based on evidence (what do you believe is right).

## **Topics:**

- **Millennials:** Best or Worst Generation? (or somewhere in the middle?)
- **School Dress Codes:** Are there Benefits? Are they a waste of time? Is the truth somewhere in the middle? Find out.
- **Is college for everyone:** Are there alternatives? Explain the benefits to each.
- **Gun Control:** Should everyone be able to own guns (all weapons?). Should we control what weapons and who can receive them? Explain.
- **Pro-life vs Pro-Choice:** Explain both of their arguments and what you believe to be the best option (and WHY using evidence).
- **Is war ever justified?:** Explain why war is necessarily and/or why it is not. Try to use examples of justified wars and unjustified wars.
- **The Death Penalty:** Should people/criminals be punished by death for certain crimes. Explain why or why not using evidence. Use examples or states that allow and disallow it (and why).

**Presentation Directions:** After you research and write your essay, CREATE a powerpoint using Google Slides (docs.google.com – select slides) based on your information. Include a Title Slide, and headings for each of your other slides. Keep your information in shortened points (it is power points, not power paragraphs). Last, end with a source slide (where did you get your information).

Good luck! Make it educational, aesthetically pleasing to the eye, and please be creative. When completed, please download and email it to me at [jgrybos@indians.k12.pa.us](mailto:jgrybos@indians.k12.pa.us)