



Final Research Project

Why?

- We want to help prepare you for what you will be expected to do during 10th & 11th grade
- Thinking critically will make you a better student
- This project is worth **TWO MAJOR GRADES** and a bunch of daily grades.



Theme



- As a team pick a Non Profit Organization or a regional policy and explore the ESPN dimensions for the topic.
 - Economic: positive/negative
 - Social: positive/negative
 - Political: positive/negative
 - eNvironmental: positive/negative



You will present your research in two ways

Research Paper

- Individual grade
- 5 paragraph essay with a bibliography
- You will pick 1 of the ESPN letters to write your essay on

Visual Presentation

- Group work, but individual grade
- Each team member will visually display their ESPN research on a board.

Topics

- TOMS
- Invisible Children
- International Road Federation Africa
- Greenpeace
- Doctors without Borders
- American Refugee Committee
- Action Against Hunger
- Habitat for Humanity
- Global Fund for Women
- Wildlife Conservation Society
- One Child Policy
- Angel Plan
- Brown vs Education
- No Child Left Behind
- Citizens United court case
- Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)
- Occupy Wall Street
- NAFTA
- NATO
- FIFA
- International Sanctions (Iraq, Iran, Cuba, North Korea)

Research Paper

1st Thesis Statement

2nd Research the topic

3rd Find Sources (at least 3)

4th Start writing research draft paper

5th Peer editing

6th Rewrite research draft paper

7th Peer editing

8th More research if necessary

9th Final Research Paper

Visual Presentation

- 1st Decide how you want to present your research
- 2nd Each student will be responsible for displaying their ESPN letter on the board
- 3rd You will be competing against your class and the best 3 projects will go to the finals against the other teacher's classes.

1st Day

- Pick teams
- Pick topic
- Decide who will be working on which ESPN letter

2nd Day

- Research topic (take notes)
- Start formulating thesis statement
- Find resources and write down source information for Bibliography.
 - Author
 - Title of article
 - Date article was published
 - Website
 - Date you found the information

What is a thesis statement?

- It gives the reader a purpose for your paper.
- It should be specific—it should cover only what you will discuss in your paper and should be supported with specific evidence.
- It is normally at the end of the introduction paragraph.
- Thesis statements can change as you further your research.

Examples

- Weak
 - *The North and South fought the Civil War for many reasons, some of which were the same and some different.*
- Better
 - *While both sides fought the Civil War over the issue of slavery, the North fought for moral reasons while the South fought to preserve its own institutions.*
- Best
 - *While both Northerners and Southerners believed they fought against tyranny and oppression, Northerners focused on the oppression of slaves while Southerners defended their own right to self-government.*

Example

- Weak
 - *Mark Twain's Huckleberry Finn is a great American novel.*
- Better
 - *In Huckleberry Finn, Mark Twain develops a contrast between life on the river and life on the shore.*
- Best
 - *Through its contrasting river and shore scenes, Twain's Huckleberry Finn suggests that to find the true expression of American democratic ideals, one must leave "civilized" society and go back to nature.*