Graduation Paper Topic Investigation Name:

For researching, use the following information. Go to [www.cmlibrary.org](http://www.cmlibrary.org). Use your CMS ID# as the login, and the password is the last 4 digits of your ID#. The ProQuest SIRS databases are what you want to use.

1. **Below, list some ideas (activities that you participate in, causes that you are passionate about, etc.) that you would be interested in researching or learning more about. Identify at least three items.**
2. **You will be writing an argumentative paper. For whatever you choose to write about, you must have a stance/argument. An argumentative paper has addresses the counterargument.**

*Example: Topic- Food expiration dates*

*Stance: Food expiration dates are not accurate and the determination process should be changed.*

*Counterargument: The determination of food expiration dates is accurate and provides indicators*

*that food is safe to consume.*

For each of your topics from question one, identify the stance you would take. Also identify what the opposing side would say.

Possible Topic 1:

Stance:

Counterargument:

Possible Topic 2:

Stance:

Counterargument:

Possible Topic 3:

Stance:

Counterargument:

1. **As you begin researching, you need to determine subtopics that will be developed into your body paragraphs.**

Example: Food Expiration Dates

Subtopics: Creation/Implementation of dates; how dates are determined; laws about food dates

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| Topic 1 | Topic 2 | Topic 3 |
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1. **You need to begin identifying sources that are credible. Having reliable sources tells you this is a topic that might be worthy of using as your graduation paper focus.**

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**Graduation Project: PROJECT PROPOSAL & APPROVAL FORM**

**Overall Topic to be researched: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Working thesis: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Check one:**

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I have discussed this project with the student and find it is **ACCEPTABLE.**

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I have discussed this project with the student and find it is **UNACCEPTABLE.**

**Comments, suggestions, or concerns:**

**Parent’s / Guardian’s Signature**(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher’s Signature** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_