

Initial research and topic approval form

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For researching your topic, I suggest two resources:

<http://www.cmlibrary.org/>

username = student ID

pin = last four of numbers of student ID

<https://scholar.google.com/>

**PART ONE: Your claim**

ACTION	YOUR DESCRIPTION	TEACHER CHECK
1. Identify a problem		
2. Identify the solution for the problem		
3. Identify the actionable party for that solution		
4. Identify the benefits of adopting your solution. This is the evidence that proves your claim is the best solution to the problem. This evidence will be found through research.	1. 2. 3.	

**PART TWO: Claim**

Expository essay thesis: There are many causes for why the world's climate is changing including the burning of fossil fuels, deforestation and a third thing that I can't think of right now but I know my thesis has to have these three parts so there's got to be a third thing.

Argumentative essay policy claim: Due to the impending ecological and social disasters associated with climate change, the US government should adopt an aggressive policy of promoting alternative energy sources and punishing companies that refuse to adopt clean energy standards.

Based on some initial research, what does your draft of a policy claim look like:

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**PART THREE: The sources**

List two sources you've found in your initial research, one from cmlibrary.org and one from scholar.google.com  
Include as much information about that source as you can so you can find it again later.

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Source 1:	
Source 2:	

**PART FOUR: The MLA stuff**

Now create a Works Cited entry for one of your sources above. Remember, easybib.com won't receive a grade for what you do on this paper. I don't know that I would trust them, and if you do use it, double check what they give you with what Purdue OWL says.

Works Cited Entry

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**PART FIVE: Next Year**

Briefly, outline what you plan to do to volunteer for the senior portion of your grad project.

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**PART SIX: Teacher approval. I will not sign off on an incomplete approval form. If I do not sign off on your topic, you must come see me during office hours.**

Teacher notes

APPROVAL

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