

Research Situation: In our study of the material this year, we have been introduced to many different social issues that we continue to address in society today – the “monsters” of the modern world that cry for heroes to battle them. This will be your opportunity to look at an issue of interest to you in greater depth – and apply your understanding and passion towards researching and considering your solution to vanquish the “monster.”

Research Instructions: You need to explore the more important social issues that interest you. At this point, you need to choose the most pressing major subjects that you believe need to be addressed.

Part One: Choosing a Literature-Based Research Subject: Due:

_____ (fifteen points: to receive credit, submit this page with your name)

Listed below are some questions related to the readings and resources we explored and will explore this year. Answer **FIVE of the questions** as well as you can, and list three reasons why you came up with this answer. Then **HIGHLIGHT TWO** that you are strongly considering researching :

Literature-Based Research Question	Your initial answer (you may change your answer after you do more research, which may then become your thesis statement later, Part Four)	Three reasons that you think this answer:
What happens after we die? (<i>The Stranger, Johnny Got His Gun</i>)	When we die, _____...	
Who or what is God? (<i>The Stranger, Johnny Got His Gun</i>)	God is _____...	
Should Ethics be taught in public high schools? How about Morality? (<i>Montana 1948, The Stranger, Johnny Got His Gun, The Things They Carried, Bean Trees</i>)	Ethics (and/or Morality) should/should not be taught in public schools. (You may rephrase this.)	

<p>Is there such a thing as meaning and purpose in life, or is this just an illusion? (<i>The Stranger, The Things They Carried, Johnny Got His Gun</i>)</p>		
<p>Should we have the death penalty? (<i>The Stranger, Johnny Got His Gun, Montana 1948</i>)</p>	<p>California should or should not retain/ abolish the death penalty. (You may rephrase this.)</p>	
<p>Do you agree with the California End of Life Option Act? Should we abolish it? Keep it as is? Make it even more open to other forms of suffering, such as mental anguish? (<i>The Stranger, Johnny Got His Gun, Montana 1948</i>)</p>		
<p>Over thirty years have passed since <i>Thelma and Louise</i> first played. Has the condition of women changed since then? Same, better, or worse? (<i>Bean Trees, Montana 1948</i>)</p>		
<p>Homeless people who are judged mentally ill and harmful to themselves and the community should be detained and incarcerated in homeless shelters designed for the mentally ill (much like mental hospitals). (<i>One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, Bean Trees</i>)</p>		
<p>Should Ethnic Studies be a mandatory requirement for graduating from high school? (<i>Montana 1948, Bean Trees, The Stranger</i>)</p>		

What is the function of public school in society? <i>(The Stranger, Bean Trees, Johnny Got His Gun, One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest)</i>		
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