THEME MUST COVER A SOCIAL ISSUE:

- The paper itself will not be a persuasion piece but focus primarily on information. In other words, despite the fact these issues are controversial and despite the fact you will have an opinion on these topics, you are gathering information to show the development of the issue; you are <u>not</u> generating an editorial.
- Your sources of information must be non-biased and objective. However, due to the nature of these issues, your sources may show a preference for one side of the debate.
- The end result of the paper may propose an opinion or a resolution on the topic, however the main goal is not to express your personal feelings or memories, but rather to show you can gather and present research material.

The following subjects are broad topics which will need to be narrowed down to a limited subject.

Alcohol & Drinking

Wild Card (must be pre-approved)

Animal Rights

Censorship

Environmental Protection of Species

Gender issues (Equal Rights for Women)

Genetic Engineering

Global Warming

Abortion

Racial profiling

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Same sex unions (GLBT rights)

Capital Punishment

Subjects to Avoid:

State of the Economy

Creationism vs. Evolution

Stem Cell Research

Gun Control

Terrorism Global or Domestic

Legalization of Marijuana

Tobacco & Anti-Smoking Laws

School Prayer