

## SOCIAL ISSUES PAPER - RUBRIC

Pts Rec / Pts Poss

- \_\_\_\_\_/ 5pts      1. Folder
- \_\_\_\_\_/ 5pts      2. Title Page
- \_\_\_\_\_/ 10pts     3. Clear statement of the issue or problem you will be covering
- \_\_\_\_\_/ 20pts     4. Historical background of the issue  
    A. When did the problem start?  
    B. What caused this issue to be present?  
    C. What is the present issue?  
    D. Give a specific (by name) example of past legislation proposed or passed to address the issue.
- \_\_\_\_\_/ 20pts     5. What are the main, current proposals to solve the issue?  
  
    What are the 2 sides of the debate?  
    (think about liberal vs. conservative, Republican vs. Democrat)
- \_\_\_\_\_/ 25pts     6. What is your opinion based on your research? Here you need to outline your position on the issue. Why do you accept or reject the various sides in the debate?
- \_\_\_\_\_/ 20pts     7. Endnotes – Used in paper, done correctly, and Endnotes page
- \_\_\_\_\_/ 15pts     8. Three sources used with correct bibliographical information page
- \_\_\_\_\_/ 25pts     9. Correct research paper format followed; correct spelling, punctuation, and grammar used, along with cited sources.
- \_\_\_\_\_/30pts     10. Research notes turned in (**photo copies of books are not notes!**)

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\_\_\_\_\_/ 175pts      **TOTAL POINTS EARNED**

\_\_\_\_\_/              **Deductions - errors (font size, margins, length. Citations are 10pts each off)**

\_\_\_\_\_/ up to 25pts **EXTRA CREDIT EARNED**              **Date Turned In: \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_/ 175pts      **TOTAL SCORE FOR PAPER**

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## SOCIAL ISSUE PAPER Possible Subjects

Social : *of or pertaining to the life, welfare, and relations of human beings in a community* –Websters.

Abortion: Pro-Choice, Pro-Life	Hospice
Abstinence Programs	Immigration: Legal or Illegal
Abuse: child, parental (older), spousal	Infant Mortality
Adoption	Pollution: Air, Water, Noise
Aging	Poverty
AIDS	Racism
Alcohol Abuse	Rape, Date Rape
Animal Rights, Animal Abuse	Recycling, Waste Management
Assisted Suicide	Suicide
Birth Control (types of)	Teen Pregnancy
Cancer vs. other Diseases, Medical Research Money	Suicide
Crime Victims, Victims Rights	Tobacco, Smoking
Death Penalty	Welfare Issues
Disabilities, Disabled, Veterans	
Discrimination	
Drinking and Driving	
Drug Abuse	
Eating Disorders: Anorexia Nervosa, Bulimia	
Education Issues: Reform, Funding	
Environmental Issues	
Euthanasia	
Food Relief Programs/Hunger in America	
Gangs	
Harassment: Sexual, Bullying	
Homeless	

These are only possible subjects for your paper, if you want to cover any other topic it must be approved ahead of time. Also, even though these are possible subjects, **you may not be able** to find any Community Service project that would relate to some of these subjects. Make sure you have a possible Community Service Project site picked out ahead of time that relates to your paper's topic!  
**Social Issue paper must be 3 – 5 written pages!**

Subject You Chose: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_