

List of Approved General Topics for Group Research

The following list of topics has been compiled from the suggestions of students as well as from the book *10,000 Ideas for Term Papers, Projects, Reports and Speeches* (third edition) by Kathryn Lamm. Keep in mind that most of these suggestions are very generalized and will need to be narrowed sufficiently for the purpose of your research project. Hopefully, they will serve as a catalyst, or jumping off point, for you to start formulating the exact topic you wish to explore. *Circle the ones which interest you.*

Suggestions:

History/World Issues

Caffeine and World Cultures
 Ancient Civilizations
 Terrorism
 Problems in the Middle East
 Genocides
 World poverty
 Tattooing in ancient cultures
 Westernization and the American Indian
 Life of the American cowboy
 Failings of communism
 Roosevelt's New Deal
 Origins of prejudices in the U.S.
 Nuclear disasters
 Water shortages
 Famine
 Globalization
 Role of women in Islam

Cultural

Music trends/genres
 Kung-fu
 Gang life
 Island life
 Teen fads through the decades
 Board/mind games
 Food within cultures
 Street racing
 Anime/manga
 Importance of the arts
 Treatment of animals
 Movie industry
 Exotic travel
 Religions
 Comic superheroes
 Changing structure of the family
 Rising debt in American society
 Censorship in the arts

Science/Environment

Dinosaurs
 Sleep Deprivation
 Dreams
 Diseases (Alzheimer, ALS, CF, etc.)
 Alien life
 Deep ocean creatures
 Reptiles
 Amazing brain
 Natural disasters
 Apple vs PC
 Technological advancements
 Problems of the digital age
 Twins/multiple births
 Rollercoasters
 Green gardening
 Aerodynamics
 Animal intelligence and/or language
 Insect social structure (e.g. bees, ants)
 Ancient architectural wonders
 War games/technology in the military
 Organ transplants
 Greatest bridge constructions
 Invention of plastic
 DaVinci's inventions

Police, Law, & Rights Issues

Gun control and the NRA
 Punishing juvenile offenders
 The American prison system
 Patients' Bill of Rights
 American citizen arrests in foreign lands
 Legal rights of the mentally challenged
 Media and the concept of a fair trial
 Intellectual property
 Forensic research and the law
 Espionage and its legalities
 Famous spy cases
 Death penalty issues

Behavior/Social Issues

Gambling
 Teenage cliques/drama
 Bullying
 Obesity and diet
 Video game addiction
 On-line dating
 Eating disorders
 Social networking
 You tube
 Teen pregnancy
 Reality television
 Facebook
 Privacy (protection)
 Racism
 Classism
 Fears
 Stress
 More obscure addictions (e.g. hoarding, etc.)
 Communication in 21st century
 Teenage narcotic addiction
 Peer pressure
 Teen cultures in other societies
 Problems facing the elderly
 Illegal aliens
 Ageism in America
 Media's contribution to the loss of childhood
 Homelessness
 National health care issues
 Changes in morality through the decades
 Changes in contemporary marriages

Sports

Extreme sports
Violence in sports
Regulations/equipment changes
Sports injuries
Culture of sports
(e.g. international soccer, surfing, etc.)
Ethics in sports (e.g. cheating, use of steroids, etc.)
Racing and animal abuse
Physical fitness trends and fads
The sneaker and sports marketing
Hiking/mountain climbing
Boston marathon
Rise of female sports
Special Olympics
The role of the coach
Adult involvement in children's sports
The allure of car racing
The oldest sport of wrestling
Discrimination in women's athletics
Recruitment for college athletic programs
Water sports
Equestrian sports

Education and Learning

Academic stress affecting youth
Student cheating & its consequences
Career paths other than college
Debate regarding homework
How language is acquired
How slang defines the culture
Use of propaganda in societies
Graffiti as a form of expression
How the art writing has changed
Plato, Socrates, and Aristotle
Urban schools
Private vs public education
Homeschooling
S.A.T.'s – are scores reliable indicators of future success
Future of the American schools
Basic competency testing as a graduation requirement
Dropping out of high school
Traits of successful students
Vocational education
Competition for college acceptance
Changing role of the teacher

Military and Warfare

Treatment of American veterans
Role of women in the military
Chemical warfare
Guerilla warfare
Prisoners of war
Failure of Vietnam
Weaponry of various wars
American draft system
Battles on the sea
America and Russia: a cold alliance
Military court martial
Nuremberg trials of Nazi war criminals
Post 9/11 wars
Mercenary soldiers
Post traumatic disorder
Military intelligence
The Geneva Convention
Famous battles (e.g. Midway, Iwo Jima Desert Storm, etc.)
Code breakers
Elite fighting squads
Arms control
Negotiating peace

Group members should strive to narrow down a general topic listed above from the approved list. If you should have another suggestion for the research project which you are interested in pursuing, then you may submit the following form to your teacher for consideration. All suggestions must be approved in advance.