

## 101 Research Paper Topics

1. Why do we **sleep**?
2. How do **GPS** systems work?
3. Who was the first person to reach the **North Pole**?
4. Did anybody ever escape **Alcatraz**?
5. What was life like for a **gladiator**?
6. What are the effects of prolonged **steroid use** on the human body?
7. What happened during the **Salem witch trials**?
8. Are there any effective means of **repelling insects**?
9. How did **trains and railroads** change life in America?
10. What may have occurred during the Roswell **UFO** incident of 1947?
11. How is **bulletproof** clothing made?
12. What **Olympic events** were practiced in ancient Greece?
13. What are the major theories explaining the **disappearance of the dinosaurs**?
14. How was the **skateboard** invented and how has it changed over the years?
15. How did the **long bow** contribute to English military dominance?
16. What caused the **stock market crash** of 2008?
17. How did **Cleopatra** come to power in Egypt what did she do during her reign?
18. How has **airport security** intensified since September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001?
19. What is life like inside of a **beehive**?
20. Where did **hip hop** originate and who were its founders?
21. What makes the **platypus** a unique and interesting mammal?
22. How does **tobacco use** affect the human body?
23. How do **computer viruses** spread and in what ways do they affect computers?
24. What is daily life like for a **Buddhist monk**?
25. What are the origins of the conflict in **Darfur**?
26. How did **gunpowder** change warfare?
27. In what ways do **Wal-Mart** stores affect local economies?
28. How were **cats and dogs** domesticated and for what purposes?
29. What do historians know about **ninjas**?
30. How has the **music industry** been affected by the internet and digital downloading?
31. What were the circumstances surrounding the death of **Osama Bin Laden**?
32. What was the **women's suffrage** movement and how did it change America?
33. What efforts are being taken to protect **endangered wildlife**?
34. How much does the **war on drugs** cost Americans each year?
35. How is **text messaging** affecting teen literacy?
36. Are humans still **evolving**?
37. What technologies are available to home owners to help them **conserve energy**?
38. How have **oil spills** affected the planet and what steps are being taken to prevent them?
39. What was the **Magna Carta** and how did it change England?
40. What is the **curse** of the pharaohs?
41. Why was **Socrates** executed?
42. What **nonlethal weapons** are used by police to subdue rioters?
43. How does the **prison** population in America compare to other nations?
44. How did **ancient sailors** navigate the globe?
45. Can **gamblers** ever acquire a statistical advantage over the house in casino games?
46. What is **alchemy** and how has it been attempted?
47. How are **black holes** formed?
48. How was the assassination of Abraham **Lincoln** plotted and executed?
49. Do the benefits of **vaccination** outweigh the risks?
50. How do **submarines** work?

51. Do **lie detector tests** accurately determine truthful statements?
52. How did **Cold War** tension affect the US and the world?
53. What happened to the lost settlers at **Roanoke**?
54. How does a **hybrid** car save energy?
55. What ingredients can be found inside of a **hotdog**?
56. How did **Julius Caesar** affect Rome?
57. What are some common **sleep disorders** and how are they treated?
58. How did the **Freedom Riders** change society?
59. How is **internet censorship** used in China and around the world?
60. What was the code of the Bushido and how did it affect **samurai warriors**?
61. What are the risks of **artificial tanning** or prolonged exposure to the sun?
62. What programs are available to help **war veterans** get back into society?
63. What steps are involved in **creating a movie** or television show?
64. How have the film and music industries dealt with **piracy**?
65. How did **Joan of Ark** change history?
66. What responsibilities do **secret service** agents have?
67. How does a **shark** hunt?
68. What dangers and hardships did **Lewis and Clark** face when exploring the Midwest?
69. Has the **Patriot Act** prevented or stopped terrorist acts in America?
70. Do states that allow citizens to **carry guns** have higher or lower crime rates?
71. How are the **Great Depression** and the **Great Recession** similar and different?
72. What are the dangers of **scuba diving** and underwater exploration?
73. How does the human brain store and retrieve **memories**?
74. What was the **Manhattan Project** and what impact did it have on the world?
75. How does **stealth** technology shield aircraft from radar?
76. What causes **tornados**?
77. Why did **Marin Luther** protest against the Catholic Church?
78. How does a **search engine** work?
79. What are the current capabilities and future goals of **genetic engineers**?
80. How did the **Roman Empire** fall?
81. What obstacles faced scientists in **breaking the sound barrier**?
82. How did the **black plague** affect Europe?
83. What happened to **Amelia Earhart**?
84. What are the dangers and hazards of using **nuclear power**?
85. How did **Genghis Khan** conquer Persia?
86. What architectural marvels were found in Tenochtitlan, capital of the **Aztec Empire**?
87. From where does **spam** email come and can we stop it?
88. How does **night vision** work?
89. How did journalists influence US war efforts in **Vietnam**?
90. What are the benefits and hazards of **medical marijuana**?
91. What causes **desert mirages** and how do they affect wanderers?
92. What was the cultural significance of the first **moon landing**?
93. What are **sinkholes** and how are they formed?
94. Have any **psychics** ever solved crimes or prevented them from occurring?
95. Who is **Vlad the Impaler** and what is his connection to **Count Dracula**?
96. What are the risks of **climate change** and **global warming**?
97. What treatments are available to people infected with **HIV** and are they effective?
98. Who was a greater inventor, **Leonardo di Vinci** or **Thomas Edison**?
99. How are the **Chinese** and American economies similar and different?
100. Why was **communism** unsuccessful in so many countries?
101. In what ways do **video games** affect children and teenagers?