

Opinion Essay Research Plan

NOTE: Bring this plan to class EVERY DAY. Keep it in your binder. It will be updated daily as you complete work on your project and will be used to determine your final research grade.

Opinion Statement:

Keyword list:

Directions - Create a list of words that you might use to help you find information on your topic. Remember to think of words that are related to your topic, are broader and more general or are narrower and more specific. You will update this list as you work on your research.

Research Questions:

Directions - Create a list of questions you will answer during your research project. Begin with one or two and add to the list as you learn more about your topic. You will update this list throughout your project.

1. _____

_____ Check when answered:

2. _____

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6. _____

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To Do List:

Directions - Create a list of things you need to do while you research. Include things you might find in the library, on our project web page or by searching the “free web.” Update your list as you go by checking to see if you’ve actually completed the task, whether you completed a RAD form or the reason why the source was not helpful.

I will.... Explain what you will do or where/how you will search for information.	Done <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RAD Done <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If you didn't use this source for notes, explain why:
EXAMPLE: I will search eLibrary for articles on the death penalty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
I will give the 6 th grade a survey on the death penalty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Ms. Rippl says that 6 th graders are not experts on the death penalty, so I can't do a survey.