

Strong Senior Project Research Questions from Past Years

Class of 2014

Student	Topic	Research Question
Kaleb	History, Political Science	To what extent did United States self interest in Afghanistan create the conditions for the rise of Al Qaeda?
Sam	History/Economics	What might the incorporation of tea and oriental medicine into western culture mean for big pharmaceutical companies?
Ellie	Gender Equality, International Peace	Is promoting gender equality a viable approach to international peace and unity?
Jess	Psychology, Sociology	To what extent do adoptive children retain their cultural identity?
Dusty	Philosophy, History	Do Humans need God?
Martina	Gender studies, marketing/advertising	To what extent is media representation of female athletes a reflection of gender inequality?
Shannon	Education	Does art still matter in public education?
Isaac	Politics, environment	Should we close the loopholes in the Clean Water Act?
Lacey	Education, politics	Should the United States pursue the academic standards of countries that perform well in standardized testing?
Robin	Biology, Medicine	Should we vaccinate our children?
India	Biology, Medicine	To what extent can stress affect cardiac health?
Jack	Economics, Philosophy	Is money worth it?
John	Economics, environmental science	Is a manta ray worth more dead or alive?

Eli	Sociology, Psychology	How has hearing loss created a divide between deaf and hearing culture?
Molly	Education, Sociology	To what extent can public schools assess student growth without standardized testing?

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Nathan Y	Politics, Economics	Is cap-and-trade an effective mitigation strategy for global climate change?
Cora	Economics	To what extent can sex trafficking in Nepal be reduced by increasing access to education and economic opportunity?
Caleb	Politics, Economics	Does gun control make us safer?
Aiyana	Psychology	Is Fashion Power?
Hannah Q	History	Was the Cambodian Genocide <i>Inevitable</i> ?
James	History, Music	To what degree is Pink Floyd's "The Wall" a critique of post-industrial western society?
Caytie	Psychology	To what extent can art therapy detect abuse and support abused children?
Jenna	Psychology, History	What can Superman tell us about ourselves?
Clara	Music, Psychology	To what extent can music therapy be used to treat individuals suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder?
Tucker	Physics	Do water arc explosions furnish the release of stored water energy? If so, how can this energy be harnessed to perform useful work?