**Core #1 Research Organizer**

ASSIGNMENT: You will be researching and writing a formal essay explaining a relevant issue in America today that involves our political and economic systems.

**STEP 1:** Choose a general topic.

*OPTION A*: Refer to the list provided with the with the Core Assessment Guidelines

*OPTION B*: Check out ABC-CLIO issues found in the CB South Database and choose from the issues provided.

* On the CBSD website, choose “CB South”, choose “Library”, choose “Database”, choose “ABC-CLIO issues”
  + This will give you a list of a lot of different topics that have issues
  + If you choose a topic from this source, be sure to get it approved

**STEP 2:** Investigate the topic you have chosen to determine if it’s a topic you would to investigate further and use for your Core Assessment.

* If you find that it is not a topic you want to investigate further and use, go back to step one and pick a new possible topic.

GENERAL TOPIC CHOSEN: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**STEP 3:**

From this topic, create a specific question that is relevant, can be researched and has two clear sides (can be debated). Again, if you are on ABC-CLIO, you will find possible debatable issues associated with each topic. Try to find something that interests you.

Examples of questions have been provided on the Core Assessment Guidelines

BEFORE you finalize an issue, make sure that it involves at least one of the political AND economic concepts listed the Core Assessment Guidelines and defined in class yesterday.

SPECIFIC ISSUE/QUESTION YOU WILL BE RESEARCHING:

**STEP 4:** Begin researching. Use the organizer below to inventory information as you read it. When you read relevant information, decide where in the organizer that information best fits. BE SURE TO BE RECORDING THE NECESSARY WORKS CITED INFORMATION IN THE SPACE AT THE END OF THIS PACKET. You will need to include a list of all works cited in your essay.

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| **Background / History of topic and issue:** What is the history of this issue? When did it first become an issue? What are some significant pieces of the history of this issue? What is the current state of the issue? |
| **Recent Developments:** What information can you find that supports the fact that this is a relevant issue? Find real world stories, events, statistics, and examples of the problem or issue.) |
| **ARGUMENTS “FOR”:** What are the arguments “FOR” the issue/policy? What individuals and/or groups are “for” this issue? Why? |
| **ARGUMENTS “AGAINST”:** What are the arguments “AGAINST” the issue/policy? What individuals or groups are “against” this issue? Why? |

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| **Political Concepts**: (At least one)   1. Concept:  * How does it connect to the topic/issue/question?”  1. Concept:  * How does it connect to the topic/issue/question?”   **Economic Concepts:** (At least one)   1. Concept:  * How does it connect to the topic/issue/question?”  1. Concept:  * How does it connect to the topic/issue/question?” |

Works cited information:

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