

Your Own: Choosing a Topic

A. Brainstorm: Decide which topic you might like to write about for an argumentative paper. Use the list given above.

B. Select: Select your top choices by highlighting them on this list Highlight your first choice green and your second choice yellow.

- Should We Have Zoos?
- Should Dodgeball be Played in School?
- Should the Driving Age be Raised to 18?
- Should Cellphones be Allowed in School?
- Should the Minimum Wage be Raised to \$15?

C. Refine: Refine by answering the following problems:

Can I find enough information on this topic (minimum 2-3 additional sources) that support my claim?
Are the sources reliable?
Is/Are the article(s) in student friendly language, meaning, can I understand what they are saying?

D. Choose: Choose the best topic from your top two. Write that topic below. Be sure to write it in the question form. Then, write your (current) claim.

Topic Question-

My Claim-

On Your Own: What do I Know Already

A. Prior Knowledge: List everything you know and think about the topic already.