Let The Research Begin!!

DIRECTIONS: Before you walk into the library tomorrow, there are several things I want you to consider. Part of this is has to do with the questions you plan to ask about your chosen topic. Another part of it is for you to have a plan of attack. Especially if you have elected this topic on your own, you have chosen this topic because you have an opinion about it, but you also *need to see the other side*.

So, let’s begin. Answer the following questions and fill out the following information to the best of your ability.

1. What is your overarching research topic (video games, abortion, sex education, gun control)?
2. What is the question you want answered through your research?
3. What is your opinion regarding your research question? Why do you feel this way? (2-3 sentences) This is what you are going to prove.
4. State three reasons why you have this particular opinion regarding your research subject.


8. Obviously, there are people that will disagree with you. What are 3 reasons that exist, causing people to disagree (try not to get too emotional or judgmental – think of the reasons…)?


12. The Grand Search: What kinds of information do you need to prove your argument as reasonable? (Example: Gun control might use violent crime statistics, gun crimes, gun misuse, etc.) List at least 5 (five) types of information you wish to find.
13. Search Terms: Think of this like a Google search – what terms are you going to search in order to find your information? List at least 10 (ten!) search terms you could possibly use (and remember, information regarding your opposition counts, too).

(ex. “iTunes downloads”, “sports available to girls”, “women’s average income”, “creationism curriculum”)

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Submit tomorrow for a quick check, and earn a 100 for completion and for your beginning to think like an arguer!