

# PASSION PROJECT

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Purpose:  
Perspective

Controversial Topic:

## STEP 1A: WRITE KEY RESEARCH QUESTION

Application level research question: Should I be for or against (controversial topic)?

## STEP 1B: WRITE RESEARCH QUESTIONS

What **questions** do I need to answer to explore **BOTH sides** of this controversy?  
(see "Costa's Question Stems" for help, and number questions for step 3):

## STEP 2: PLAN MY SEARCH

Reliable sources I can check-out:

- Congress Library** > Research > **Explora**
- Mid-Continent Library** > Research > **CQResearcher**
- ProCon.org** - Pros and Cons of Current Issues
- Restrict **Google search** to more reliable sites with: **site:.edu site:.org site:.gov**

Best search terms to find answers:

*(Tip: Use words experts will use. Include name of the general topic AND specific terms to get better results.)*

## STEP 3: COLLECT INFORMATION

*(Tip: To stay organized, tag answers with the question number from step 1 and name of the source where info was found. **Don't forget** to copy a citation for the source and store it on a Google Doc, Google Keep, or BibMe.)*

### **STEP 3: COLLECT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)**

## STEP 4: EVALUATE MY SEARCH

Is my search producing what I need?

- No. My searches aren't finding good stuff.** Totally normal. Our "Narrow Your Search" cheat sheet will provide ideas for refining your search and finding the good stuff.
- No. I need to add more questions.** We understand. All good researchers add/change questions as they work.
- Yes!** Great, you're ready to move on.

## STEP 5: SUMMARIZE MY RESEARCH

After gathering facts and processing my research, I believe this is **the answer to my key research question** (*include key facts from your research that prove your claim*):

*Tip: Don't forget good arguments are built with a **claim, evidence, and reasoning**. "I think (claim). According to (source), (paraphrase evidence). This shows (explain why this evidence proves your claim)."*

## STEP 6: SHARE WITH MY COMMUNITY

Focusing on my claim, **how can I share my findings?** Think outside the box! What delivery method can I use to **engage my audience** with my findings?

## STEP 7: REFLECT ON THE PROCESS

What went well for me? What did I learn? What would I do differently next time? What do I want to pursue next?