

English III & III (H): Research Paper Topic Choices

Topic 1: (Biographical)

You are to select a **public figure** or **celebrity** and extensively research an **aspect of this individual's life**. You are to focus on an issue related to this person's life. You may focus on something that is admirable or **remarkable** about this person's life, or you may focus on a **controversial** issue related to this individual.

Examples:

- Angelina Jolie—admirable issue: her work with the refugees and underdeveloped countries;
- Eminem—controversial issue: violence in his lyrics;
- President Bush—controversial: the decision to go to war with Iraq;
- a sports figure—controversial: use of steroids;
- Oprah Winfrey—remarkable: her rise to fame)

Do **NOT** focus this paper on areas such as where the person was born, raised, educated, etc... Focus on the **issue** related to this person. Through the way you present this person, the reader should be able to figure out **your point of view** of this person and the issue related to him.

Topic 2: (Issues)

Many problems face our country at the present time. Some examples are:

- the war in Iraq
- global warming,
- who should be our next president(or other political office)
- poverty
- homelessness
- public education, etc....

Think about a problem facing our country about which you feel needs attention drawn to it. Decide your stand and/or position on this problem. You will need to extensively research this problem and find information from **reliable sources** that explains the problem and supports your position/stance. Your goal is to use this information to **convince the reader to believe as you do.**