

REVIEW – UNIT 10 RESEARCH PROCESS AND STRATEGIES

Choosing and Narrowing a Topic

Broad Topic: An issue facing our community/country

Narrowed Topic: Immigration Control

Thesis: The issue of immigration continues to divide Americans because those who favor greater control argue strict laws protect the country while opponents to stricter controls believe open immigration benefits the United States.

Research Questions and Key Terms

1. How does immigration hurt United States' citizens?

INTERNET SEARCH TERMS

- a. How many illegal immigrants commit crimes? "illegal immigrants" AND crime
- b. Do immigrants take jobs from Americans? "jobs lost" Immigrants
- c. Are many immigrants terrorists? Immigrants AND terrorism
- d. How much does it cost to fight illegal immigration? "cost of illegal immigration"

2. How is immigration good for the United States?

INTERNET SEARCH TERMS

- a. What are the benefits of immigration? "benefits of immigration"
- b. What are the benefits of immigration? Immigration AND benefits
- c. How do immigrants help the economy? Immigrants + US Economy
- d. Is immigration control constitutional? Immigration AND constitution

Evaluating Sources

1. Websites
 - a. Reputable author or group
 - b. Purpose
 - c. Problems – broken links or links to same group/author, grammar or spelling errors, etc.,
 - d. Credits – sponsoring organization, updated
2. Books
 - a. Copyright date
 - b. Author's credentials
 - c. Appropriate research: Bibliography or Works Cited
 - d. Table of contents
3. Newspapers and Magazines
 - a. Reputation of newspaper or magazine
 - b. Purpose of publication
 - c. Publication date
 - d. Author
 - e. Correct facts

Summarizing and Paraphrasing

1. Summary
 - a. Shorter
 - b. Only gives main ideas
2. Paraphrase
 - a. About as long or longer than the original
 - b. Put someone else's words/ideas in your own words
 - c. *You must change the sentence structure.