



## Scholar's Secret Essay Topic Jogger

**As You Begin...** Free to select your own essay topic? Lucky you! Select one that you care about *and* that meets assignment requirements. Still stumped? Try this: mix and match a topic from the left column – or better yet, your own – with a concept from the right. For example, combine “year-long school” with “technology and...” to come up with “How Technology Can Make the Year-Long School Year *Seem* Shorter.” “Homelessness” plus “local experiences with...” equals “Homeless in Indy: My Uncle’s Experience.”

### Topics

Affirmative action  
Animal rights  
Assisted suicide  
Capital punishment  
Censorship  
Child abuse  
Depression  
Eating disorders  
Elder abuse  
Global warming  
Healthcare  
Homelessness  
Immigration  
Medical marijuana  
Media / advertising  
Privacy  
Racial profiling  
Same sex marriage  
School uniforms  
Social media  
Terrorism  
Year-long school  
Welfare

### Concepts

Case studies in...  
Causes of...  
Challenges in...  
Effects (positive or negative) of...  
Economic effects / costs of...  
Emotional effects of...  
Societal effects of...  
Other effects of...  
Ethics of / in / and...  
The failure of...  
The future of...  
Global perspectives of...  
The history of...  
Issues in...  
Local attitudes about / local experiences with...  
My experience with...  
My solution to...  
A profile of...  
Success stories of...  
Technology and...  
Trends in...  
The value of...  
What no one ever says about... (and why)