

## Controversial Essay Topics

Choose a topic that interests you from the attached page.

**Write an essay detailing your views.**

If you are unsure of your views, give both sides of the argument and then draw a conclusion.

Spend time planning the essay.

1. Make a list of points you think should be included.

2. Put these points in order.

3. Write an introduction



4. Write a paragraph on each point.

5. Write a concluding paragraph.



6. Check and correct your draft.

7. Write a final copy.



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Do you feel that the ban on smoking in public places is a good idea or is it an infringement of civil liberties?



Do you feel that violent video games could lead to an increase in actual violence and crime amongst young people?



Was the Government right in following the Americans into Iraq or is it now time to withdraw?



Do you believe that climate change has been caused by mankind or is it the natural cooling and warming of the earth?



Should capital punishment be re-introduced for certain serious crimes?



Is it now time that the United Kingdom left the European Union and does not have to worry about being ruled from Brussels?

## Heroes or Villains

There are certain people in history who are looked upon as heroes and others who are considered to be villains.

There are also some people who may be considered to both a hero and a villain, for example, Robin Hood. He stole from the rich, but gave the proceeds of his crimes to the poor. To some Margaret Thatcher was a hero as she spoke for free enterprise. To others she was a villain, as she closed down the coal industry.

Who do you consider to be heroes or villains and why?

**Write an essay giving your views. Here are some people to consider.**



Winston Churchill - who 'won' the war



Emmeline Pankhurst - who campaigned for the right for women to vote



Robin Hood - who stole from the rich to give to the poor



Martin Luther King - who campaigned for civil rights in America



Margaret Thatcher - did she put the country back on its feet or bring it to its knees?



Wayne Rooney - a talented footballer, but is he hero or villain?

## The perfect holiday

What would be your ideal holiday? Have you had a perfect holiday?



Would it be a sandy beach in the Caribbean?



Would it be a skiing holiday in the Alps?



Do you fancy trekking across a desert?



Would you like to sail leisurely around the Mediterranean?



Do you prefer the outdoor life such as camping?

**Write an essay describing your perfect holiday destination.**

- where you would go?
- why you would go there?
- who you would go with?
- what you would do there?

## Your Neighbourhood



Why do you like living where you do?



Are there good transport links?



Are there convenient shopping facilities and restaurants



Is there plenty of entertainment for you and your children?



Or is it something else?

Good neighbours?

Very friendly?

Open spaces?

Good schools?

**Write about what is good (or maybe bad) about where you live.**

## What period in time would you like to visit?

You have been granted the luxury of travelling back or forward in time. What period would you like to visit? Perhaps you would you like to visit a specific event?



Would you like to have been a knight and have sat at King Arthur's round table?



Would you like to have been a fly on the wall when the Americans landed on the moon?



Are you fascinated by the Ancient Egyptians?  
Would you like to know how they built the pyramids?



Would like to go even further back and find out how Stonehenge was built?



Would you like to travel into the future and see how we progress?

**Write an essay about the period of time you would like to visit.**  
Give details of when, where, why and what you would like to find out.