1-Search Overview

The I-Search paper was designed to have students learn the researching process. In coordination with Social Studies class, students will research a controversial issue. Our focus in Language Arts will be on learning proper research techniques and making sure the information included in the paper and speech is unbiased and correct. Formatives during the term will consist of practicing the skill in class then actively doing research. Summatives will consist of a test where the students will apply what they learned during the formatives. We will learn to do the following:

- ❖ Learn MLA (Modern Language Association) format for a works cited page and in-text citations
- Learn how to identify credible sources when researching
- * How to use the internet for researching
- � How to make note cards to help organize the research and bibliographical information
- Compiling research into an organized argument paper
- **Using** information to create a speech or debate

The research process will be very valuable to students next year when heading into high school. Many classes during freshman year have research papers in their curriculum so the research process is a valuable tool to learn. Also, students will cover oral communication benchmarks when they present their findings in a debate style presentation.

Due Dates:

Feb 20 - 5 note cards (10 if working alone) with research and citations

Feb 22 - Works cited and T-chart due

Feb 28 - All note cards due (minimum 20)

March 4 - First draft due

March 13 - 2nd draft due (also turn in corrected first draft)

March 15 - Final Draft with all note cards and earlier drafts (includes t-chart, 1st and 2nd drafts)

Research Review

1. What is a bibliography?
2. When using a book, where do you find the information needed for your bibliography?
3. When using the Internet, where do you find the needed information for your
bibliography?
4. Using the book provided find the following:
Author:
Copyright date:
Publisher:
City where published:
5. Using the newspaper, find an article that interests you and find the following:
Author (if given):
Title of article:
Title of newspaper:
Date published:
Page(s) where story was found: