



A. Research Thesis- Original, Focused, Relevant, Debatable: In this section, you will learn

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**Too Far-Fetched/Outdated:** *The Marxist class struggle of exploitation and alienation is reflected in the medieval practices of lords using serfs to work their farms and paying rent to them.*

**More Relevant:** *The Marxist class struggle of exploitation and alienation is reflected in the tipping culture of the United States where waiters are expected to work long shifts with their pay dependent on customer tips rather than steady wages by employers.*

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**Too Factual:** *Virtually every developed country in the world except for the United States has abolished the death penalty for all crimes.*

**Too Indisputable:** *Death penalty is a state-sanctioned killing.*

**More Debatable:** *Even though the proponents of the death penalty may believe executions deliver justice while simultaneously ensuring deterrence and*

**Step 2.** Write down aspects of the topic (environmental pollution, in the example below)

*The debris of the Great Pacific Garbage Patch extinguish sea life through entrapment of species, nutritional deprivation, and release of toxins.*

*Industrialized societies see increased levels of diseases related to cancers, vision impairment, and compromising the immune system due to the combination of releasing harmful by-products into the atmosphere and the ensuing UV radiation due to holes in the ozone layer.*

**Step 5.** Think of specific aspects that you plan to discuss in order to prove your thesis (e.g. specific health hazards proven to be a liability, the chemistry behind bad odor, agents of erosion, etc.) and do additional research. Below, you will find suggestions for

## C. Exercise: Circle the More Original, Focused, Relevant, and Debatable Research

### 1. More Original

*With its emphasis on cardio and endurance, built-in teamwork, and worldwide popularity, the sport of soccer develops physical stamina, promotes mental health, and contributes to understanding and appreciation of cultural differences*