Below are the topics you can choose from. Under each, there are databases from our Library & also Websites which are good sources for the topics.

1. Underage drinking. Should the minimum legal age for drinking be lowered?
   **Database**
   Opposing Viewpoints in Context
   (“Underage Drinking”)
   **Website**
   http://www.procon.org ("Drinking Age")

2. Using DNA to exonerate actually-innocent inmates who have spent many years in prison. Does society have a responsibility to help these exonerated former-inmates rejoin society? What are some of the social, psychological and economic challenges for this issue?
   **Database**
   Opposing Viewpoints in Context
   (type “DNA and exoneration” in Search box)
   **Websites**
   The Innocence Project:
   http://www.innocenceproject.org/
   from Death Penalty Information Center:
   http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org/innocence-and-death-penalty
   From Reason.com: What Do We Owe Exonerated Inmates
   From The Chicago Tribune, Nov. 2011
   http://tinyurl.com/longterm-inmate-freed
   A short news video: “Exonerated prisoner gets over $1 million from State” http://tinyurl.com/Texinmateexonerated

3. For new immigrant children who enter public schools before they know English, is bilingual education helpful or does it hurt these children by keeping them from learning English faster? Some argue for “immersion” (all classes taught in English) and some argue that bilingual education programs are better.
   **Databases**
   Opposing Viewpoints in Context ("Bilingual Education")
   CQ Researcher (type “Bilingual Education vs. English Immersion” into search box)

4. Compared to women in the workplace in the 1990’s and earlier, do working women today experience less discrimination and sexual harassment? Have new laws and legislation that tries to end this discrimination and harassment helped professional women?
   **Databases**
   Social Sciences Fulltext
   (type “workplace discrimination” in first search box and “women” in the box below)
   GenderWatch (type “women and workplace and discrimination” in Search box)
   Opposing Viewpoints in Context ("Working Women")
   **Websites**
   9 to 5:winning justice for working women http://9to5.org/
   NOW ("National Organization for Women")
   http://www.now.org/issues/wfw/index.html

5. Does the use of the Internet as a solitary activity detract from people’s social lives?
   **Database**
   Social Sciences Fulltext (type “internet” into first search box and “social isolation” in next box below)
   **Websites**
   Does the Internet Bring People Closer Together (Debate.org)
   Two reports from the Pew Internet and American Life Project:
   Social Isolation & New Technology
   Social Networking

   **Database**
   - Opposing Viewpoints in Context ("Juvenile Offenders")

   **Websites**
   - Center for Children’s Law & Policy: http://www.buildingblocksforyouth.org/

7. Many school children get bullied in school. Do parents and/or the school administrators and teachers have a responsibility to protect children better from bullying? What actions should be taken to protect kids?

   **Database**
   - Opposing Viewpoints in Context ("Bullying")

   **Websites**
   - StopBullying.gov http://www.stopbullying.gov/
   (This Federal government website provides information from on what bullying is, what cyberbullying is, who is at risk, and how you can prevent and respond to bullying.)
   - Committee for Children http://www.cfchildren.org/

8. Cybersecurity is an increasingly important issue. These days, criminals, terrorists and/or enemy nations could severely hurt our air traffic control systems, the power grids, water supply, railroads, nuclear power plants, etc. using computers. Is it possible for our nation to be fully prepared to protect our infrastructure from cyber attacks?

   **Database**
   - CQ Researcher ("Improving Cybersecurity"
   - 2013 report)

   **Websites**
   - Why is Cyber Security a Problem? http://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/tips/ST04-001
   - From Information Technology Laboratory (ITL) NIST Releases Preliminary Cybersecurity Framework http://www.nist.gov/itl/cybersecurity-102213.cfm
   - 3 Articles from Scientific American’s Forum:
     - U.S. Response to Cyber Attack
     - What is Best Way to Protect U.S. Infrastructure
     - How Would U.S. Save Cities From Cyber Attack

9. Smoking cigarettes is known to be dangerous to our health. Many local, state and the federal governments have passed laws against smoking in public places to help regulate smoking behavior and protect non-smokers from second hand smoke. Are smokers’ rights being violated, or in danger of being violated? Should limiting smokers’ rights be allowed? How much?

   **Databases**
   - Opposing Viewpoints in Context ("Smoking")

   **Legal Source Database:**
   - Legal Source Here is an excellent article by Richard Daynard (2013)
   - Daynard - Regulatory Approaches to Cigarettes...

   **Websites**
   - From the NYC.GOV website, about our anti-smoking laws: NYC Smoking Legislation

10. Should teens (between 13 and 19) get sex education in schools? Or should it be the sole responsibility of parents?

    **Databases**
    - Opposing Viewpoints in Context ("Sex Education")

    **Education Source**
    - (type “sex education – United States” and “public schools” in search box)