

Resources for Persuasive Papers and Speeches

To locate a book on your topic, enter your topic as a subject or keyword search in the card catalog. If we don't have the right book for you, perhaps another school will~we can request it for you and it will be here usually within a day. You can check our catalog at school using the top "Automated Catalog" button. Several of the online databases are also excellent resources! Choose Class Assignments from the THS Media Center page (www.troycolts.org/mediacenter) for our recommendations.

Troy Public Library has great databases: **Opposing Viewpoints, Issues and Controversies** and **CQ Researcher**. Click on the Troy Public Library icon from the Persuasive Paper page and you will find all three databases listed. Issues and Controversies is a good place to start because it will give you a brief overview of your topic. CQ Researcher is a good database to get ideas for CURRENT controversial topics. You will need a library card to use this. Troy Public Library's book collection can also be searched; go to the TPL home page (<http://www.libcoop.net/troy/>) and use the search box on the top left of their home page.

EBSCO: User name is troyhs; password is library. Choose **Points of View** or **EBSCO databases: MAS Ultra-School Edition, or Newspaper Source**.

MEL: No password needed at school; from home you will need a Michigan driver's license. Choose from a variety of sources such as newspapers, reference books, and periodicals. **General Reference Center** and **General OneFile** tend to be the best.

You can also create an account with **Discovery Streaming** and search their video library~ to create your own account, use this number: 5334-817B.

