

STEP ONE: Current Event Research Organizer

Directions:

1. Find a topic from SIRS Leading Issues (sirs.com) that you find interesting. (username: skyms password: hawks)
2. Read the "At Issue" summary to get an overview of the issue. Record the main ideas below (bullet points OK).
3. Then read at least one article from the Pro category and at least one article from the Con category. The articles you select may be no older than 5 years. If possible, watch a video and record the essential details.
4. Identify the strongest arguments (facts, quotes, statistics, etc.) each side presents and record them below.

Topic:	Essential Question:
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Key points to include in the summary:

Pro Article Information (bottom of article)	Key facts, statistics, or quotes (Quote directly from the article)

Con Article MLA Source Information (bottom of article)	Key facts, statistics, or quotes (Quote directly from the article)
Bonus Article/Video Source Information	Key facts, statistics, or quotes (Quote directly from the article)

Concluding thoughts (explain where you stand on the issue, pro or con):