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Death Penalty Opinion Paragraph Social Studies Day #2

Students will write an opinion paragraph taking a stance on the Death Penalty.

Research

1. Conduct research to find data about the death penalty.
 - a. Use research and statistics that support one side of the death penalty argument
 - b. You must include at least two pieces of data to support your position
 - c. **Do not include opinion** as data/research
2. Use your research information to formulate your opinion on whether you support or are opposed to the death penalty.
3. Write an opinion paragraph following the outline below.

Opinion Paragraph Outline

1. Topic Sentence:
 - a. State whether you agree or disagree with the death penalty.
 - b. Make a clear statement, pick one side or the other
2. State first piece of data that supports your position
 - a. Clearly state the data (be clear in your research)
 - b. State the source of your information (according to the)
 - c. Explain why this piece of research supports your position
3. State second piece of data that supports your position
 - a. Clearly state the data (be clear in your research)
 - b. State the source of your information (according to the)
 - c. Explain why this piece of research supports your position
4. Conclusion
 - a. Summarize your position