

Social Studies Reports versus Social Science Analysis

The Topic Statement Makes the Difference!

REPORT Topic		SOCIAL SCIENCE ANALYSIS Topic
Characteristics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broad topic. States fact, without opinion or point of view • Has no particular support or opposition • Allows only reporting of facts from research 		Characteristics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • States an opinion or point of view • Has a reasonable opposition • Allows for investigation/problem-solving/in-depth research • If stated as a question, requires student to argue a point of view.
Interest Rates	→	The most important factor influencing fluctuations in interest rates are decisions made by the Federal Reserve.
Hurricane Katrina	→	Hurricane Katrina created an economic boom in the region affected.
2000 Presidential Election	→	Independent candidates greatly influenced the outcome of the 2000 Presidential Election.
Slavery	→	The Northern states benefited as much from slavery as the Southern states.
George Washington	→	George Washington's leadership was the most important reason soldiers stayed in the Revolutionary Army.
The Gilded Age	→	The Gilded Age was a time of great suffering for most Americans.
Helen Keller	→	Helen Keller actually had little effect in changing attitudes about people with disabilities.
Credit card use	→	Credit companies are doing college students a great service by offering credit cards to them.
The First Amendment	→	High school students should be afforded full First Amendment rights when at school.
Measure 34	→	Measure 34 is reasonable and should be supported for the following reasons
The Whiskey Rebellion	→	The Whiskey Rebellion proved the power of the U.S. Government and showed how the government could efficiently act to end insurrection.
Child Labor	→	United States can influence the use of child labor in other countries by
The Zimmermann Telegram	→	The Zimmermann Telegram was the main reason the United States abandoned its neutrality and became involved in World War I.
Whales	→	The whale population can best be maintained by
Castles	→	Castles improved life for the inhabitants by

Aircraft and Air Power in WWI	→	The new advent of air power and fighting aircraft were very important to WWI because, for the first time, there were effective methods of reconnaissance, transport, air support, bombing, and long-range strategic hits.
Robert E. Lee	→	What was Robert E. Lee's significance in the outcome of the Civil War?
Martin Luther King, Jr. was a great man.	→	How did Martin Luther King, Jr.'s philosophy forward the cause of Civil Rights?
Rights included in the Bill of Rights	→	How would life be different in the United States without the Bill of Rights?
What are GDP, Real GDP, and Per Capita GDP?	→	Compare and contrast the economies of the United States, China, and Haiti from 1950 to 1995 using GDP, Real GDP, and Per Capita GDP. Which is the most accurate measure of economic performance?
The 5 Themes of Geography are . . .	→	How can the 5 Themes of Geography be used to describe Oregon?
Fossil Fuel Depletion and Alternative Energy Sources	→	Helium Three, Solar Power, and Nuclear Fusion are the best alternative energy sources.
Sherman's March to the Sea	→	Was the destruction in Sherman's March to the Sea justified?
The Death Penalty	→	Is the death penalty cruel and unusual punishment?
Secession	→	Would the United States be better if the South had remained a separate country?
Voting	→	Is voting a way to effectively influence the federal government?
Texas	→	Were the Texans justified in wanting their independence from Mexico?
The Transcontinental Railroad	→	Was the central route the best choice for the Transcontinental Railroad?
Nat Turner	→	Was Nat Turner a martyr. or a terrorist?
Slavery	→	Should African Americans be paid reparations for slavery?
Oregon Indian Tribes	→	How can Oregon and the Indian Tribes work together to face the challenges of the reservations?