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PIG 2015: Research Project – States Rights

**States’ Rights Research Project**

*“The power and responsibility of the federal government has expanded over time, there is an ongoing debate over this shift in power and responsibility.”*

~Common Core Learning Standards.

Please choose one of the following areas where states’ rights have been affected by the Federal Government and prepare a short research argument that responds to the prompt above. Include the following information in your position.

* Explain what Federalism is and why it is important.
* What conflict exists between State laws and the Federal laws within your chosen topic.
* The existing debate on the topic
* Your position on topic and whether or not there should be expanded Federal control on this topic.

**Research Topics:**

* Marriage Equality
* Death Penalty
* Education
* Legalizing marijuana

Your position statement should be a minimum of 500 words that covers the information above. Your position must be supported by at least four sources. They should be included as an annotated bibliography with your research paper.

**Fish Bowl Debate:**

Once your position statement is completed you will present them in a discussion with eight other students in class.

**You will be graded on:**

Position Statement: 50 pts

Annotated Bibliography: 40 pts (10 pts per source)

Fish Bowl Discussion: 25 pts.