



Bell Ringer

10:00

Pick one question and write 4-5 complete sentences in response to this. These are not simple yes or no questions. Feel free to fall in the grey area.

- 1. Should we or should we not have more gun control? Why or why not?**
- 2. Should juveniles be tried as adults in court? Why or why not?**
- 3. Should we have the death penalty? Why or why not?**
- 4. Should athletes be allowed to use performance enhancement drugs? Why or why not?**
- 5. Should we use animals to experiment on for new products such as drugs? Why or why not?**

Argumentative Essays

- ❖ For the next two weeks, we will be working on an argumentative essay that will be worth 100 points.
- ❖ We will be doing some of this in class and some outside of class.
- ❖ After your essay is complete, you will present it to the class.
- ❖ The topic you chose for your bell ringer is the topic you will be writing on, so go ahead and put that question at the top of your KWL chart you got when you walked in.



Objective for this week!



- ❖ **At the end of this week, I will have at least 2 articles for my paper.**
- ❖ **I will have answered the 3 questions I create today.**
- ❖ **I will have written an introduction to my essay and edited it.**

KWL Chart

- What is a KWL chart?
 - This is a visual organizer that allows you to organize information before, during, and after a unit or a lesson.
 - This approach allows you to focus your research to a narrowed list of questions that apply directly to your topic.
 - KWL charts are a great way to stay on topic and create an annotation system to quickly identify areas of your research that need more attention.

What do you do with each column?

- K—this is the column for PRE-research. This is where you determine what you already know about your topic BEFORE you start reading scholarly sources.
- W—this column is also for the PRE-research process. This is where you develop specific questions to guide your research and keep it FOCUSED!
 - NOTE: Make sure that you avoid yes/no questions and, instead, ask questions that lend themselves to as much detail as possible.
 - NOTE: Make sure that your questions are answerable!
- L—this column is for POST-research where you make sure that you have answered all of your research questions from the W column.

KWL Charts!

- ❖ **When you walked in, you grabbed a KWL chart. I want you to follow along as I fill mine in with an example.**

Name _____ Date _____

KWL Chart
Before you begin your research, list details in the first two columns. Fill in the last column after completing your research.

Topic _____		
What I Know	What I Want to Know	What I Learned

Two-Party Political System

Know

The U.S. has 2 major parties—republican and democrat.

Want to Know

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Learn

Both parties have very specific platforms.

Candidates seem to vote based on party affiliation rather than what is best in a given situation.

Two-Party Political System

<u>Know</u>	<u>Want to Know</u>	<u>Learn</u>
The U.S. has 2 major parties—republican and democrat.	What evidence supports the benefits of a two-party political system?	
Our nation is very divided politically, but most people I know aren't satisfied with what either party is accomplishing.	What evidence indicates that a two-party system is not the most effective?	
Both parties have very specific platforms.	What approaches do other democratic countries use that might be more effective?	
Candidates seem to vote based on party affiliation rather than what is best in a given situation.	Why are there not more political parties in the U.S.?	

Reminders

- As you work through developing your own chart, remember that your research will not be limited to what you write down now.
- As you read about your topic, new questions may arise, and you can always come back and add new questions to your W column.



Credible Sources

- One way to establish ETHOS is to make sure you are using CREDIBLE SOURCES.
- This means that a regular Google search just won't cut it!
- So where do you go to find sources?
 - Google Scholar (<https://scholar.google.com/>)
 - The Tennessee Electronic Library (<http://tntel.tnsos.org/>)
- There are other scholarly options, but for our purposes, this will do just fine!

Now, create your own KWL.

- 1. Fill in what you already know!**
- 2. Then, create questions for your “W” that are questions you want to know about the topic in order to write a paper about it.**
- 3. Using either Tennessee Electronic Library or Google Scholar, look up a scholarly article about your topic that answers at least 1 of your questions.**

Work on this until the end of the period! Ask questions if you need to. I will play music while you work.