

Social Justice Writing Assignment

Definition of social justice: Justice practiced by a society, especially how it is practiced by and among the society's different social classes.

You will choose a current issue of social justice in the U.S., research it, and write an **analysis** of the topic, using **support** from your research.

Analyze: Break it down into parts. Tell about each of the parts.

Support: Back up the information; provide evidence; prove it.

Suggested topics

Immigrant rights / immigration policy

Migrant workers

Women's rights / gender inequality

Gay rights

Poverty

Hunger

Unemployment / lack of jobs

Access to health care

Other topic – get teacher approval

The income gap / low social mobility

The effects of globalization

Quality of public education

The Dream Act

Defense of Marriage Act /NC Amendment 1

Voter ID laws

Child welfare / the foster care system

The death penalty (capital punishment)

Some questions to consider while researching and writing about your topic:

- Why is this topic controversial?
Controversial (adj): relating to or causing much discussion, disagreement, or argument
- What are some of the *causes*?
- What are some of the *effects*?
- *Who* does it affect? (who = social class, race/ethnicity, age range)
- Is it happening over the U.S., or are there regions where it is more of (or less of) an issue?
- What needs to happen for it to change?
- What is being done about it? What is NOT being done about it?
- *Who* (person, group or organization) might have the power to improve or fix it?

Document your sources with <http://www.easybib.com/>

Use standard academic format: Typed, double-spaced, 1" margins, 12-point Times Roman or Garamond font. 300-500 words (1 to 1½ page), not including the bibliography. Don't forget to give it a title.