

Issues Talking Points

- **How does TEL help with hot-button issues?**

Many students use the Internet to complete a variety of homework assignments, but the information they find on social issues can be skewed. Points of View Reference Center has 4 essays on over 250 topics, and includes a **neutral overview, a point, counterpoint, and a guide to critical analysis.**

- **So what issues are covered?**

Pretty much any current, social issue you can think of is included, from abstinence to zero-tolerance policies. Topics are as diverse as honey bee migration and school uniforms. Other topics included: labor & economics, government funding, religion and women's issues.

- **Why not just Google it?**

Just because it's on the Internet, doesn't make it true. Google is a great way to search for everything online. But the search results give you everything on a topic. With TEL, students get a **smaller set of search results** from trusted, known sources. And Points of View Reference Center offers critical viewpoints in a civil way, to help students explore and form their own opinions.

- **How can my patrons connect to this site?**

Go to www.tntel.info and click on Issues.

TEL is a group of online resources available for free to anyone in Tennessee. Each month, over a million searches are done in TEL. It has genealogy resources, access to newspapers, magazine and journal articles, and practice tests. Check it out at www.tntel.info.

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