

Think and Write for CSEC English

TEACHING AND LEARNING
RESOURCES

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Possible social issues topics for CSEC SBAs

The SBAs are based on topics that are relevant to social issues in the Caribbean.

- a. Choose your topic wisely and choose a topic that will keep your audience interested. Do research on your topic before you begin because you will need to have enough evidence and proof to support your ideas. Talk to your group members and your teacher to ensure that the topic is one that is acceptable for the SBA. Use trending hashtags on social media platforms or check the newspapers for daily news. Be mindful of events on the international scene as well because these events will also have an impact on the Caribbean setting. Some pertinent worldwide topics include:
 - Inequality in income
 - The decline in democracy
 - Bullying in schools
 - Corruption
- b. Research your topic extensively to find sources that are reliable and relevant to your topic. Ensure that your pieces are credible.
- c. Find examples that will support your views.
- d. Keep your SBA simple. Do not attempt to use words that make your explanations complex.
- e. Revise and edit your SBA.

General topics on Social Issues that you could choose:

1. Racial prejudice and the Black Lives Matter movement.
2. Global Pandemics
3. The Challenges of Distance Education.
4. Vaccinations and Global Pandemic
5. Visa and Travel Restrictions
6. Diversification of Supply Chain since the Global Pandemic

7. Politics and the conflict of politics
8. Bias in the healthcare sector

Themes and Sub-topics

Social Justice

1. Ageism as a racial challenge.
2. The justice and injustice of labour laws.
3. Deprivation of health care and the consequences.
4. Are convicted criminals still punished after serving time for offenses.
5. Fat shaming in society.
6. How does society treat domestic violence towards men?
7. Pregnant women and the challenges they face in society.
8. Are Europeans subject to discrimination?
9. Does society mistreat recovering addicts?
10. How does society treat students who are poor?

Discrimination and Prejudice

1. The effects of racial profiling
2. Gender/sex/economic discrimination in sports/music industry/workplace/schools/healthcare industry?
3. Does reverse discrimination exist in Caribbean societies?
4. Discrimination against gay community.

Feminism

1. Feminist movements and their function in society
2. Impact of modern feminism on society
3. Development in women's career
4. Gender stereotype in women in the workforce
5. Women's rights and gender equality
6. Women and domestic violence in the 21st century
7. Women as the victims in domestic violence

Racism

1. The history of racism: causes, effect, and consequences
2. Racial violence and the impact on society
3. The future of racism on modern society
4. Racism and mental health
5. Racism in the workplace
6. The psychological and economic impact of racism in the workplace

War

1. Impact of war on children.
2. Society promoting peace
3. Role of the media in promoting peace/war

4. Value or role of women in war
5. Impact of war on the economy

Abortion

1. The moral, social, and physical implications of abortion
2. History and practices of abortion across cultures
3. Psychological/social impact of abortion
4. Women's rights and abortion
5. Men's rights and abortion
6. Religious beliefs and abortion

Culture

1. Factor influencing cultural changes
2. Protecting culture
3. Caribbean culture versus European/African culture
4. Preserving culture
5. Indigenous cultures and changes to the culture

Illiteracy

1. Adult illiteracy and how to change it.
2. Emotional/Educational/social/financial illiteracy and the impact on family/society
3. Digital illiteracy and the effect on children/adults
4. Challenges of illiteracy on the country
5. Impact of illiteracy on economic/educational/financial/social growth in the Caribbean
6. Poverty as a vehicle for illiteracy
7. Family breakdown as a cause for illiteracy
8. Social media platform as a medium for improving illiteracy

Violence

1. Violence because of racism
2. Politics and its role in promoting violence
3. Music and its role in promoting violence
4. Cyberbullying/ social media/ bullying and the impact on violence
5. Violence in schools
6. Mass media's role in promoting violence.
7. Effect of violence on children
8. Teen/gang violence and the impact on education

Migration and Immigration

1. Impact of Migration on the host country
2. Illegal immigration and their effect on the social/economic/physical/cultural of the host country
3. Factors contributing to illegal immigration.
4. Deportation of immigrants
5. History of Caribbean migration to First World countries

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