

Select your Book & Brainstorm Term Paper Topics

Part 1: Pick your Book!

Scan the book list on the class website. Chose a book that interests you. Many of these books are available through the Georgia Tech library or through Inter-library Loan. (Ask the instructor or TA if you need help using these services.) You may also choose to order a personal copy through book sellers such as amazon.com, half.com, or your local Barnes & Noble, Border, etc.

Think carefully as **you will have to live with this choice**. Feel free to read reviews of the books on Amazon to get an idea of the topic of each book.

You must choose a book on the list. Substitutions must have prior approval by the instructor.

Your submission for this part of the assignment should include:

- A reference for the book you selected
- One to two sentences on why you selected this book
- A schedule estimating the time to complete reading the book and when you will begin/complete your reflection and review (Note, they will be due by the middle of the semester.)

Part 2: Brainstorm Topics

List three topics that you would find interesting to research and write an argumentative term paper about. The topics must involve computers and/or technology and not already have a clear solution. Keep in mind that your term paper must present a solution or course of action and argue for it.

You may wish to scan the chapters of our class textbooks for general topic areas.

Your submission for this part should include: A list of three different possible term paper topics. For each topic, you should write one to two sentences listing why the topic is interesting to you. You should also write a one sentence “statement of opinion” that is your starting point for a suggested solution or course of action that you are arguing for.

For example:

Topic: Copyright Law with respect to digital downloads

Why Interesting: I like to use BitTorrent to download and watch feature movies before they are released to DVD. The fact that this is currently illegal annoys me.

Statement of Opinion: Copyright law should be amended to allow anyone to download any media for personal use as long as they do not profit from said downloads.