Proposal Essay Topic Suggestions

Economics and Environment
What steps should national, state, or local government take to get work for the unemployed?
What are the most promising ways for the US to gain energy independence? Or, what is the most promising energy alternative to oil?
What steps should the USA take to address the dangers of nuclear power generation?
What can be done to change the present state of denial among politicians concerning climate change?

Culture and Media
What steps should Internet-threatened media (newspapers, recording industry, film industry) do to remain economically viable?
How can social media be used more creatively and/or responsibly?
How can the NFL address the dangers associated with head injuries and improve the long-term health of retired players?
What are the best ways for public school systems to address certain persistent problems: low academic achievement and academic apathy, gangs, drugs, bullying?
How can the sometimes troubled relationship between law enforcement and minority communities be improved?

Foreign Affairs
How can the US armed forces address the increasing numbers of veterans and active-duty service personnel with PTSD?
What are the special problems presented by the terrorist organization ISIS? How should the US address the threat from this organization?
What are the best policies for addressing illegal immigration?

Politics
The US House of Representatives and Senate have been in a state of partisan gridlock for some time now. What reforms or changes could you propose to increase cooperation and/or compromise between the two major political parties?