Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

As an extension of our reading of *The House of the Scorpion* in Horizons Language Arts, your child will be researching a controversial issue and presenting his or her findings and opinion in an audio/visual presentation. Before beginning work on the project, your child must get your permission for his or her chosen topic and return the permission slip.

The following suggested topics stem from the novel. Students are welcome to choose a different topic as long as they have your permission and teacher approval.

 Cloning (animal, human, or organ)

 Stem Cell Research

 Organ transplants

 Legalization of marijuana

 Immigration Law

 Genetically engineered meat or other foods

In addition to conducting research, students will also be listening to their classmates’ presentations. If you would prefer that your child not be a part of the audience for presentations on any of the topics listed above, please make note of that on the permission slip so I can make arrangements for your child to work in another room at those times.

I give permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, to conduct and

 (student name)

present research on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 (student’s topic)

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(Parent Signature) (Date)