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Brief

The following statements could form the basis of your own research project.

Disputes over Intellectual Property (IP) are common, as having IP protection enables people to take others to court and claim damages if their IP is used without their permission (infringed). There have been many high profile IP disputes which have gone to court, with cases involving telecommunications (e.g. mobile phone giants, Apple and Samsung), design (Trunki suitcases) and new inventions.

IP owners can charge any price they want for others to use their IP, this has advantages and disadvantages depending on your viewpoint. For example, patents can be granted for life-saving drugs and pharmaceutical companies are free to select any charge to recoup the money spent to develop the drug in the first place. However, this might mean some people can't afford to access certain drugs because the price has been set too high.

Some people don't agree that people should be able to protect their ideas and profit from them, as they believe they should be free for everyone to use. Others are of the opinion that people should be able to protect their ideas with intellectual property rights.

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