

Developing a Topic



1. My general area of interest is:
2. I can narrow this general area of interest by limiting my paper to the following (individuals, families, institutions, occupations, classes, ethnic groups, communities, etc.)
3. Further narrowing by time span can be done by placing my research topic between the years _____ to _____.
4. A working title for my research project is:

Now, further define your topic in preparation for your thesis statement:

5. Name your topic (I am writing about...):
6. State your indirect question (I am trying to show you who/how/why...):
7. State how your answer will help your reader understand something more important: