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Intriguing questions about my topic	Can this question be answered by research?		Will this question lead to an interesting project?			Can you improve on your initial question to make it answerable and more interesting?	Which question will you focus your project on?
	Is this a topic someone would have written about?	Will there be facts as well as opinions about this topic?	Does it go beyond a yes/no question?	Is it complex enough to require information beyond a few simple facts to answer it?	Does it lead to multiple points of view?		
Question 1							<input type="checkbox"/>
Question 2							<input type="checkbox"/>
Question 3							<input type="checkbox"/>

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Criteria for good research questions. Do your questions satisfy them?	Possible research questions for your topic				
	Question 1	Question 2	Question 3	Question 4	Question 5
Narrow and specific enough to be explored thoroughly for this project?					
Deep enough that they require multiple sources to answer them?					
Balanced between fact and interpretation – questions require factual evidence and yet offer the opportunity for interpreting the evidence, forming opinions and drawing conclusions.					
Structured around different levels of thought (not only who, what, when, where questions, but also how, why, what caused and what if questions)					
Varied enough to elicit the richness of the topic.					
Revised research questions?					

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Source: <i>Title</i> (citation)		
Type of source:	Book, Subscription Database (reference as Website or Article in a Periodical), Website, Article in a Periodical, Film, Interview, Other:	
Finding information relevant to my inquiry: Either copy the information word for word (quote it), making sure you use quotation marks ("..."), or write it in your own words (paraphrase).	Discussing the relevance of this information to my inquiry: Take care to highlight why, of all of the information that you could have chosen, you have chosen this information.	
Useful words and phrases for the presentation		



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Research question:	
One point of view:	Another point of view:
Main reason why someone might think this:	Main reason why someone might think this:
Main source of evidence:	Main source of evidence:
What do I think so far?	

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Other reasons why someone might agree with the first point of view (with evidence):

Other reasons why someone might agree with the second point of view (with evidence):

Is there anything else I need to consider?

My conclusion: