

Topic To Thesis Worksheet

Potential Topic: _____

Step 1: What do I know about the topic?

Facts I know about the topic:

Opinions I have on the topic:

Step 2: What do I want to know about the topic?

These should be substantial, open-ended questions. (Hint: if you run out of questions to ask, ask a friend for ideas!)

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

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8.

9.

10.

Step 3: What do I want to persuade?

My working thesis: _____

*remember, this is just your working thesis, it will likely change as you research and learn more about your topic!

Step 4: How would someone disagree with my position on the topic?

Arguments against my position:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.