

Scholarly Paper: Preliminary Research Form

Name: _____

Research Topic #1: _____

Background Information:

1. Why does this topic interest you?

2. What do you already know about this topic?

Research Pathways:

3. Write 2-3 questions that you would like to find the answer to regarding your topic. One of these CAN be your research question.

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

4. Has the Internet provided reliable, valuable information? _____ What specific sites did you use? What context clues did you notice to determine it was reliable info?

Research Reflection:

5. After some preliminary research, is this your thesis statement STILL the one you want to pursue for your scholarly paper? Yes/No _____ Why or why not?

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Background Information:

6. Where have you looked for information in the past?

7. What do you already know about this topic?

Research Pathways:

8. Write 2-3 questions that you would like to find the answer to regarding topic #1.

- a. _____

- b. _____

- c. _____

9. Did the Internet provide reliable, valuable information? _____ What sites did you use? What context clues did you notice to determine it was reliable info?

Research Reflection:

10. After some preliminary research, is this topic one that you STILL want to pursue for your scholarly paper? Yes/No _____ Why or why not?

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