

# Research Writing

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## Defining a Focus/Topic

### Finding a Topic

It is much easier to write about something that you are interested in than it is to write about something that has been assigned. Usually there is some flexibility in all research assignments to decide on the particular aspect or angle that is interesting to you.

Often teachers provide ideas for research assignments. Think creatively about what is interesting to you. Before deciding, you may want to explore topics on line.

Write a list of topics that are interesting to you. In the right-hand column, write specific parts of that topic area that is interesting.

### Examples of topic area and particular aspects of a topic area

Topic	Brainstorm interesting aspects of that topic area
Urban Planning	Cities and pollution Park designs Architecture How to encourage biking in cities
Parkour	How to train Competitions Status as a recognized sport History and development Common injuries Business model for bringing it to schools and communities
Veterinary medicine	Training/education Large animal vs. small animal Typical day for a vet Career choices Specific procedures and techniques Innovative techniques (non-traditional)

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Cooking/culinary arts	Using local foods Creating simple menus for young adults Kitchen design How to prepare fish How to become a chef
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