WRITING: DEVELOPING A THESIS

The following process will help in isolating major and minor topics, in gathering data, and in developing a thesis for the research paper. Subject: ____________________________

Topics: Make a list of twenty nouns related to the subject, then group into three or four major topics

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What do I want to know about these topics?

Questions: ____________________________Answers: ____________________________

Who ____________________________?

What ____________________________?

When ____________________________?

Where ____________________________?

Why ____________________________?

How ____________________________?

Thesis Statement: What specific information from above do I want to prove, analyze or maintain? What is my main idea?

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