

*Choosing a research topic:*

1. List 3 topics with which you are intimately familiar and about which you can write about for *public* view.
2. Subdivide each topic into as many parts as you can. Eventually, you will select from these parts a focus for your paper.
3. Of the topics you have narrowed, which do you care most about?
4. Write a brief paragraph in which you explain to yourself the *reasons* you are interested in one of these narrowed topics.
5. Next, write a paragraph explaining your purpose for this paper.