

Geology 310 Topic Worksheet

I. My topic:

Why is this topic interesting to me?

What value is there to spending time on this project?

What is the context for this topic?

II. Phrase your topic into one complete sentence:

III. Focus your topic by answering the following questions:

- a) WHO? -the people or interest groups involved

- b) WHAT? -a particular component(s) of the topic

- c) WHEN? -a specific time period

- d) WHERE? -a geographic area or location

- e) WHY? -its relation to other things

- f) HOW? -how does the topic fit into "the bigger picture"

IV. What do you want to do with this topic?

What questions do you want to address?

What directions do you see yourself taking with this topic?

V. I am learning about / working on / studying _____

because I want to find out who / what / when / where / whether / why / how _____

in order to understand how, why, or whether _____

VI. Generate a list of key words and synonyms that are related to the concepts you will research:

VII. Are you confused about anything regarding your topic? If so, what?

How can you resolve some of your confusion?