

Research Paper Guide

Topic: _____

Thesis Building: Before you begin your research, complete the KW chart below:

What I Know	What I Want to Know
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Working Thesis: After doing some background reading & using the chart above as a guide, develop a working thesis:

Bridge Building: The bridge should define key terms and ideas and provide background information which is important to supporting your thesis. Using the chart below, identify any key terms or ideas in your thesis and fill in the necessary information that should be included in your bridge

Key Term/Idea	Definition

Hook Building: As you research your thesis and subtopics, look for facts, stories, or details you find very interesting and can be used to develop your hook and write them down here:

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Working Topic Sentence

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