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**Research Organizer**

**STEP 1: COMING UP WITH A TOPIC**

My Topic for this Research Project is (discriminated group): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**STEP 2: BRAINSTORMING IDEAS FOR THE TOPIC**

I have completed a brainstorming session on my topic. **I have made and attached my mind-map/notes on questions like: Who is this group? How are they discriminated against? Where? Why? + key related issues to explore.** Here are my overall notes on:

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| **What I know** | **What Really Interests Me** | **What I Don’t Know (and want to learn more about)** |
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**STEP 3: NARROWING THE TOPIC - COMING UP WITH RESEARCH QUESTIONS**

Topics can be very general (have too much information to cover), so you have to narrow your topic (limit the amount of information you will cover in your paper).

Based on the above chart, I have come up with the following 3 Questions to help guide my research project. My questions are not too general, but they are not closed questions, either (can’t be answered with a yes/no or a simple sentence).

For Example: If my topic is RACISM IN EUROPE, a couple of my questions might be *“What are the causes of racism against non-white minority groups in European countries?” and “What are the negative effects of racism on minority groups in Europe?”*

**My Initial Research Questions are:**

1.

2.

3.

**STEP 4: FINDING SOURCES**

You need to find AT LEAST 5 RELIABLE and USEFUL sources. These will not be the first 5 articles or websites you find, but ones that have the best information to answer your research questions!

**STEP 5: RESEARCHING THE TOPIC: Note-taking**

Now the real work begins. With your questions and 5 RELIABLE and USEFUL sources, fill in the chart below.

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| **Source Info** | **Key Ideas Found** | **MY comments/thoughts** |
| **Source 1:**  **CITATION INFO (for Works Cited):**  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |  |  |
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