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Research Paper Topic Selection Proposal

Topic Choice #1: _____

Tentative Thesis (What do you plan to prove?): _____

Give two reasons for selecting this topic. (See page 4 for suggestions.):

(1) _____

(2) _____

Have you ever written about this topic before? _____ No _____ Yes, explain: _____

Where can you begin your research? Which databases clearly contain this topic? Write the name of each potential source and copy down the topic/subject name used in that specific source:

Sample: *Opposing Viewpoints in Context*: Standardized Testing
 ABC-CLIO Issues: Education and Gender
 SIRS Knowledge Source: Educational Tests and Measurements

What other keywords associated with your topic can you think of to look up?

Sample: test bias, biased testing, gender biased testing

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Topic Choice #2: _____

Tentative Thesis (What do you plan to prove?): _____

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(2) _____

Have you ever written about this topic before? _____ No _____ Yes, explain: _____

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Topic Choice #3: _____

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SOME REASONS TO SELECT A TOPIC:

1. I am interested in learning about the topic.
2. I have a personal experience related to the topic.
3. I already know information about the topic.
4. I think it will be easy to find plenty of information about this topic.
5. This topic is current and relevant today.
6. I care about this topic.
7. I want to learn about the side I don't agree with.
8. I didn't know what to choose, and my friend is doing this.
9. I didn't know what topic to choose, so someone suggested this topic to me.
10. I am required to select additional topics even though I am certain my first choice for a topic will be approved.