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Choosing A Topic

Follow these steps to help you decide on a topic for your report.

1. Write the assignment in your own words.

2. Did your teacher give you a specific topic? _____

Example: Write a report about polar bears.

If you have been given a specific assignment, then you do not need to do anything else to choose a topic. You must write a report about the topic your teacher has chosen.

3. Did your teacher give you a general topic? _____

Example: Write a report about an area of science that interests you.

This type of assignment lets you choose any science topic you want to write about. It also requires that you to think about all the things that fit the category. It might be helpful to list your ideas here.

Circle the topic that you find the most interesting.

What could you write about the topic you've circled?

Where could you look to find out more about that topic?

Hint: encyclopedias, books, magazines, newspapers

4. Did your teacher give you an in between topic? _____

Example: Write a report about an arctic animal.

If you have been given an in between topic, you still need to make some decisions.

Think about the topic you've been given. What is one thing you like that fits that category?

In Between Topic:

Ideas you have about the topic:

Circle the topic that you find the most interesting.

What could you write about the topic you've circled?

Where could you look to find out more about that topic?

Hint: encyclopedias, books, magazines, newspapers

Look back at your answers on this worksheet. In your own words, write the specific topic that you will write about for your report.
