Research Project Topic and Keyword Development

**TOPIC DEVELOPMENT:**

1. What is your topic/topic question?
2. What specific issue or subtopics do you want to focus on?

**PERSPECTIVES AND STAKEHOLDERS:**

1. As a class, brainstorm the many different groups and individuals who might be interested in education issues:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |

1. BRAINSTORM: What are the various groups with opinions about *your* issue? What action or resolution to your issue does each group want? What part of the issue is each group focusing on? What bias/perspective are they bringing to the issue? (4 groups have been provided on this worksheet. It’s ok to have more or less than that, and some groups may have mostly the same perspectives, but every issue has multiple groups with differing opinions)
   * Group A:
     + Cares about:
     + Goal/resolution:
     + Bias:
     + Members of this group:
   * Group B:
     + Cares about:
     + Goal/resolution:
     + Bias:
     + Members of this group:
   * Group C:
     + Cares about:
     + Goal/resolution:
     + Bias:
     + Members of this group:
   * Group D:
     + Cares about:
     + Goal/resolution:
     + Bias:
     + Members of this group:

**FORMULATE A QUESTION:**

1. Based on your answers to questions 1 – 4 , how has your question changed? (think of adding specific demographics/areas of focus to your question)
2. **KEYWORD DEVELOPMENT:** What ideas from your question could you use as search keywords? Then, think of as many ways to say your terms (synonyms) as possible.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |

Are there any stakeholders that you could use in your searches?

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |