

Module 10: Project Topic Ideas

Examples of Narrow Topics:

- Is Echinacea a cure for the common cold?
- Does smoking cause lung cancer?
- Does coffee cause migraines?

Examples of Broad Topics:

- Is climate change real?
- Is cancer genetically inherited?

Examples of "Middle of the Road" Topics:

- The effect of climate change on coral reefs.
- Atrazine disrupts frog development.
- Is obesity only a function of a poor diet?
- Are certain ethnic groups more at risk to breast cancer?
- Should the bluefin tuna fisheries be banned?
- Are polar bears the only animals at risk to global temperature rise?
- Are biofuels an environmentally friendly alternative to oil?
- Do the food production gains of Genetically Modified Organisms outweigh the environmental concerns?
- What causes hair loss in men?
- Pesticide use in agriculture: solving one problem or creating another?

Useful websites to get an idea of what is current in science news for topic ideas:

- <http://www.sciencedaily.com/news/>
- <http://www.nature.com/news/index.html>
- <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/>
- <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/health/default.stm>
- <http://www.nytimes.com/pages/science/>