**This worksheet has three parts. Parts 1 and 2 ask you to provide information about a topic you may want to use for your synthesis. Part 3 asks you to indicate which topic you are most interested in writing about.**

**Your instructor will provide feedback about your topic ideas and your preferred topic. Your instructor will indicate whether your chosen topic is approved. Once your instructor has approved your chosen topic, you can begin your research.**

**Part 1**

**Section 1: Topic 1**

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| **First Possible Topic:** |  |
| **Type of Paper** (pro/con, problem/solution, misconception)**:** |  |
| **Explanation** (why do you think this topic fits with a pro/con, problem/solution, or misconception structure? Keep in mind that it’s okay to adjust this later; this is just one tentative plan for approaching your paper): |  |

**Section 2: Internet Search Results (at least two required)**

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| **Source #** | **Title** | **Link** |
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**Section 3: Scholarly Article Search Results**

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| **Search Terms:** |  |
| **Number of Search Results for “peer reviewed” sources:** |  |

**Scholarly Research Articles (at least two required)**

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| **Source #** | **APA Citation** | **Name of the database where you found the source** (e.g. EBSCO, Academic Search Premier, JSTOR, etc.) |
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**Section 4:**

**Topic Focus**

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| **Is this research topic focused enough? Should it be broader or narrower?** |
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| **How could you adjust your search to find more/different sources?** |
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**Part 2**

**Section 1: Topic 2**

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| **Another Possible Topic** |  |
| **Type of Paper** (pro/con, problem/solution, misconception)**:** |  |
| **Explanation** (why do you think this topic fits with a pro/con, problem/solution, or misconception structure? Keep in mind that it’s okay to adjust this later; this is just another tentative plan for approaching your paper): |  |

**Section 2: Internet Search Results (at least two required)**

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**Section 3: Scholarly Article Search Results**

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| **Search Terms:** |  |
| **Number of Search Results for “peer reviewed” sources:** |  |

**Scholarly Research Articles (at least two required)**

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**Section 4:**

**Topic Focus**

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| **Is this research topic focused enough? Should it be broader or narrower?** |
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| **How could you adjust your search to find more/different sources?** |
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**Part 3**

**Which of these two topics do you want to write about for your annotated bibliography and explanatory synthesis?**

**Why do want to write about this topic?**