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***Information Literacy Assessment – 1. Topics***

**Name:**  **Date:**

1. It is a mistake to choose a research topic that you are really interested in; you will be too “close” to the subject to see both sides of the issue.

1. True
2. False

2. You should always challenge yourself by choosing a topic that little literature has been written about.

a. True

b. False

3. Creating a concept map is a good method to use for narrowing your topic.

a. True

b. False

4. Which databases allow you to browse for topic ideas? (*Select one*)

a. CQ Researcher

b. Issues & Controversies

c. Opposing Viewpoints in Context

d. All of the above

5. Concept mapping is a good technique to use for brainstorming for topic ideas and identifying key concepts to develop a research question.

a. True

b. False

6. A *good* topic for a research paper should be: (*Select one*)

a. interesting to you

b. neither too broad or too narrow

c. well-defined and specific

d. all of the above

e. None of the above

7. If you choose a topic for a several page research paper that is **too broad or vague** you will likely find (*Select one*):

a. very little information

b. too much information

c. just enough information

8. If you choose a topic for a several page research paper that is **very specific or new** you will likely find (*Select one*):

a. very little information

b. too much information

c. just enough information

9. Review the following research question:

*Should marijuana be legalized in the United States?*

For a several page research paper, this topic would be considered (*Select one*):

1. Too narrow
2. Too broad
3. Just right

10. Review the following research question:

*Are Richmond City schools doing enough to stop bullying both on and off school premises?*

For a several page research paper, this topic would be considered (*Select one*):

1. Too narrow
2. Too broad
3. Just right