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## **Writing Assignment: Brief Research Interest Statements**

Prepare two research interest statements.

1. Write a 200-word statement introducing your research interest to a general reader. Think about your interest from the public's perspective and how you can communicate this to the public. Engage the audience with an opening sentence, state what you know about the subject, why you are interested in the area, and the possible applications of the research. Use the ideas and strategies on page 12 to engage the readers.
2. Write a 200-word statement introducing your research interest to field expert reader (professors who share your research interest). Think about your interest from their perspective. Engage them with an opening sentence, state what you know about the subject, why you are interested in the subject, and the possible applications of the research.