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What's My Angle? Generating Topics and Research Questions

As you explore a broad topic for a research project, generate ideas for narrower topics. Then consider an angle—a change or controversy, connection to recent events or local issues—related to the topic. Consider an angle that would make the topic interesting to you and your audience. If you have some background knowledge of the topic, try to write a research question. Do some preliminary research if you need more information to generate a reasonable question. Remember this is a brainstorming exercise. Try to generate ideas quickly and quickly discard if it doesn't work.

General topic: _____

Topic idea

What's my angle?

Possible research question