

Strategies for Developing an Awesome Senior Research Paper Topic!

Tip #1 Pick something you're interested in (You may not even realize it's an interest)!

BHS Research Paper Interest Survey

I have always been fascinated by _____.

I listened closer when I heard on the news that _____.

If I could meet any celebrity or famous person, past or present, it would be _____.

My favorite videos to watch on youtube or tiktok are about _____.

One of my favorite hobbies is _____.

I've always wanted to learn how to _____.

If I won a million dollars and had time to do anything in the world, I would _____.

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Example: The challenges faced by college graduates in the United States entering the workforce during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition to Google, use the following Resources to search for TIME, LOCATION, CATEGORY & ISSUE to narrow down your interests into a Research topic:

- 1. Google News** (do a Google search, then click on the News tab - Click Tools for Archives)
- 2. Research Databases - www.galepages.com/brun84057**
- 3. Books in the BHS Library - www.destinydiscover.com**
- 4. Google Books - books.google.com**
- 5. Books at Amazon.com** (look “inside the book” at the table of contents and let us know if you’d like to order a book for the BHS Library!)

Research Topic - general idea:

Time (is it a current topic or historical? Which time period are you focusing on?):

Location (Search Google to find out where (specific country, rural vs. city, etc.):

Category (who - Narrow it down by age group, occupation, ethnic group, gender, etc.):

Issue (check out Gale’s Opposing Viewpoints database for controversies):

I have narrowed down my research topic to:
