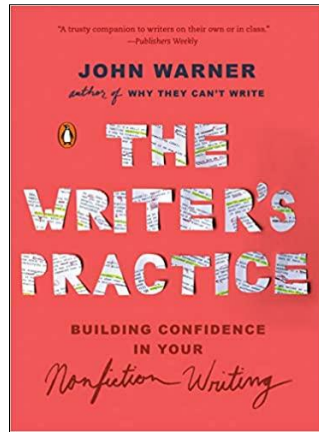


Strategies for Developing an Awesome Senior Research Paper Topic!

Pick something you're interested in! You may not even realize it's an interest!

Step 1. "Identify your passion. What's the thing you keep saying people need to do...what are you convinced everyone else must at least try?" *The Writer's Practice*, page 159. **Brainstorm Possible Topics!** (page 174).



BHS Research Paper Interest & Personality 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 _____.

The videos I enjoy watching on youtube or tiktok are usually about _____.

One of my favorite hobbies is _____.

I'd love to become an expert in _____.

One of my pet peeves is _____.

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

It concerns me that _____.

Everyone must try _____ at least once in their life.

Step 2. "Consider the things you're interested in, list them, and see what comes to mind as you think of them. An argument isn't going to pop into your head. The student who wrote about the psychological dangers of Instagram listed all of the things they did on a particular day and noticed the significant amount of time spent on the platform. This led to doing some **initial research**, which triggered a problem and argument." *The Writer's Practice*, page 174

Choose one of the passions or interests you identified and do some initial research in the resources listed below to identify a possible problem, argument or research angle. Consider the investigator's line of questioning: Who? What? When? Where? Why? & How?

Initial Research: In addition to websites, use the following resources to do initial research and narrow one of your passions into a possible research topic:

- 1. Google News** (do a Google search, then click on the News tab for News from 50,000 News outlets from around the world, considered to be more reliable sources - Click Tools and change recent to 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 for ideas! Also, let us know if you'd like to order a book for the BHS Library that you could use for your research!)

I have identified this possible research topic or topics:
