**Brainstorm to get research topic ideas**

•               **Choose a topic that interests you.** Use the following questions to help you generate topic ideas.

1.   Do you have a strong opinion on a current social or political controversy? If so, what is it?

2.   Did you read a newspaper article, or see a TV broadcast recently that piqued your curiosity or made you angry or anxious? If so, what is it?

3.   Do you have a personal issue, problem, or interest you'd like to know more about? If so, what is it?

4.   Is there an aspect of one of your courses you are interested in learning more about? If so, which class?

•               Look at some of the following topically oriented Web sites and research sites for ideas

-       **Are you interested in current events, government, politics or the social sciences?**

Try [CQ Researcher](http://library.weber.edu/articledatabases/db.cfm?id=%2061%20), [Speakout.com](http://speakout.com/activism/issues/), [OCLC's Hot Topics](http://www.oclc.org/oclc/menu/hottopics.htm) or the [Washington File](http://usinfo.state.gov/products/washfile/)

-       **Are you interested in health or medicine?**

Look in [Healthfinder.gov](http://www.healthfinder.gov/) or [Medline Plus](http://library.weber.edu/articledatabases/db.cfm?id=133)

-       **Are you interested in the Humanities; art, literature, music?**

Browse links from the [National Endowment for the Humanities](http://edsitement.neh.gov/websites_all.asp) or [Voice of the Shuttle](http://vos.ucsb.edu/)

-       **For many other subject areas**

Try the [Scout Report](http://scout.cs.wisc.edu/report/sr/current/index.html)or the [New York Times/ College](http://www.nytimes.com/college/) Web Site

Look at the other lists of websites on Moodle