Quest: Refining Your Topic

Due October 18

Name your topic: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

“Narrow-down” or refine your topic by answering the questions in MLA Format:

1. Identify a Need: **What** is something that you spend a lot of time doing or thinking about? **What** do you wish someone would do (change, create, add, etc) that would improve (strengthen, reduce, help, etc) this issue?
2. Narrow down your topic: **Who** else is being affected by this issue *in your community*?
3. Narrow down your topic even further: **How** are these people being affected?

Name your refined topic: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Now that you have refined your topic, it is time to begin preliminary research. Research is more than using search engines and viewing websites; it includes contacting and communicating with people. Some ways to do this are face-to-face interactions, making phone calls, visiting places, sending emails, etc. Along with gathering basic information, you want to ask for and collect fliers, pamphlets, online videos, etc.

1. **What** resources are currently available in the immediate area for this issue?

List what type of research each member of the group will conduct and have ready to share by the next Quest meeting:

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