
Each guide includes an overview of the topic and suggestions for narrowing the topic, and sometimes even include research questions and thesis statements.

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