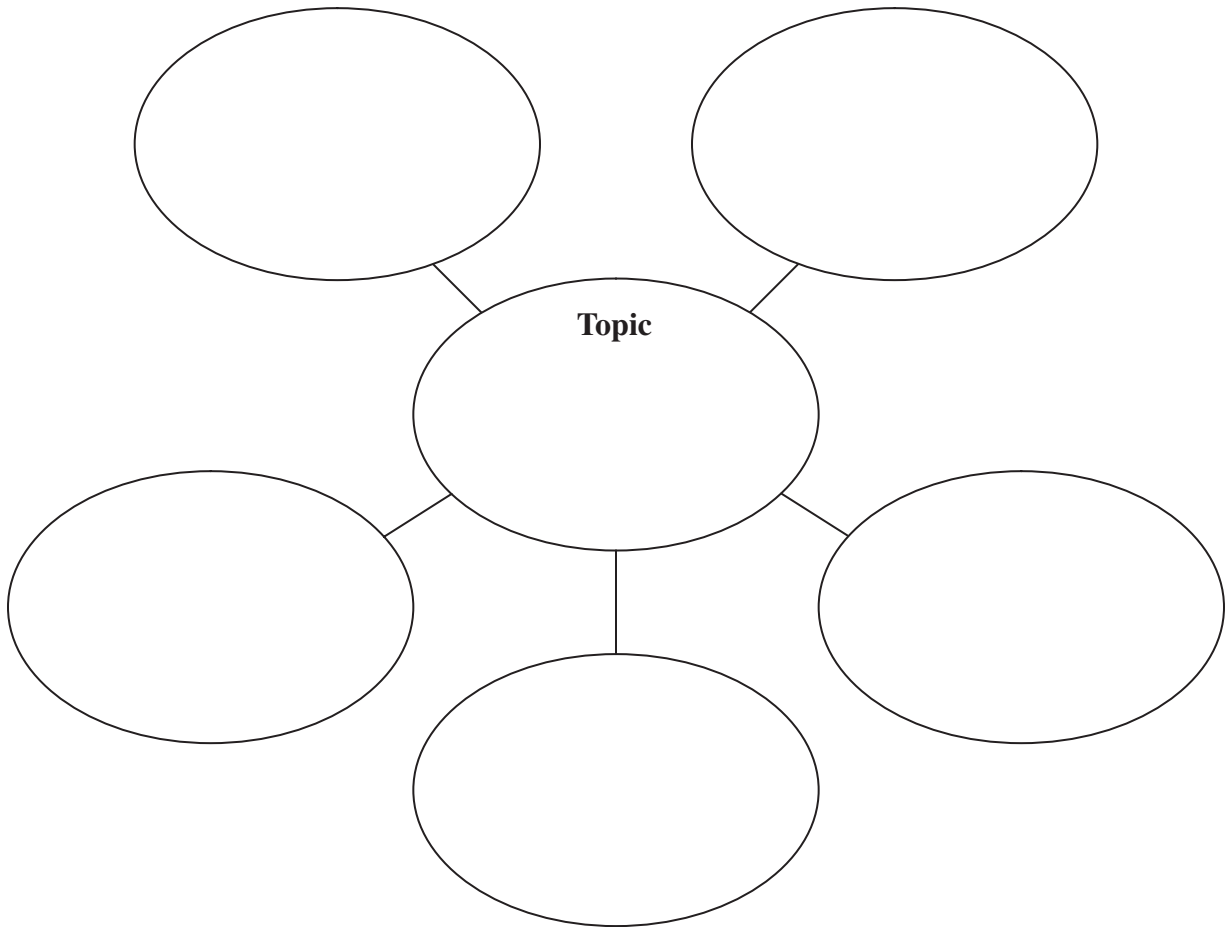


Research Paper

CHOOSING AND SHAPING A TOPIC

You can use a cluster diagram to help you decide on a topic.

Directions: Use the following diagram to explore a topic that you would like to research and write about. Write a topic in the center circle. Try to view the topic from different perspectives. Then use the remaining circles to record questions you might develop when considering different aspects of a topic. Add more branches and circles if necessary. Choose the question that intrigues you most and write a goal statement. This statement will help you focus your thinking and guide your research.



Goal Statement: _____
