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Date: _____

Planning Phase > Step 1A: Find an area that interests you

Selecting a Topic Worksheet

Brainstorm

List 5 subjects about which you would like to know more. For example, squirrels, stars, or pollution.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Research

Select two of your subjects and do some preliminary investigation. Read encyclopedia entries, news articles, or web sites about your subject. List 2–3 areas of your subject about which you would like to know more. For example, the eating habits of squirrels, the emitted light of stars, or the impact of pollution on breathing. Note the web sites or books where you found this information; you may be able to use them in your later research.

Topic 1: _____

Topic 2: _____

Sub-Topic 1: _____

Sub-Topic 1: _____

Sub-Topic 2: _____

Sub-Topic 2: _____

Sub-Topic 3: _____

Sub-Topic 3: _____

Select. List your preferred topic. It is not necessary to determine your area of interest (sub-topic) at this time.

Your Topic: _____

This worksheet goes with Step 1A of the Science Fair Wizard:

http://ecuip.lib.uchicago.edu/sciencefair/html/wizard/01_planning_01a_Find-an-area.html