

Week 1 Discussion: You Do Have a Voice; You Do Have a Perspective: Explore a Topic and Viewpoints

51 unread replies. 7070 replies.

Required Resources

Read/review the following resources for this activity:

- Textbook: pp. 63-91, and review pp. 266-270
- Lesson
- Minimum of 1 source (textbook or lesson)

Apply the following writing resources to your assignment:

- Link (website): [APA Citation and Writing \(Links to an external site.\)](#)

Generating Your Topic

First, please carefully review the course theme announcement your instructor has posted. **Your topic must address the course theme**, and you will find many topic ideas listed in the course theme announcement to help you get started brainstorming for your own argumentative topic related to the course theme. Next, carefully read this week's Lesson and textbook pages. Once you have completed and considered those readings, **with the assigned course theme and your ideas in mind**, you should have some thoughts about a possible topic you would like to write about.

Your ultimate goal for this discussion is simple: to generate several possible topics and to narrow to a focused topic you will write about for the course. This is a whole-class brainstorm workshop; we are all here to support each other toward the goal of finding a good topic.

Please answer numbers 1 and 2 below.

1. Think about the Theme and about Topic-Choosing

In one paragraph, please respond to the following:

- Share your thoughts about the course theme. What were your initial reactions?
- Which sub-topics in the course theme announcement stood out for you?
- During the exploration of topics phase, which of the topic generation methods from this week's lesson worked best for you and why?
- Finally, review the "What Do I Want to Accomplish" paragraph in the lesson and describe what you wish to accomplish.

2. List Your Ideas