

Focusing Your Topic – **An Example**

For this exercise you will be analyzing a CQ Researcher article and then using what you find to focus your topic.

Complete the following steps:

1. Go to CQ Researcher (library database) and select an article (You can browse by topic or date or by typing in a keyword. You can also use one of the **recent reports** in the right-hand column.)

- Write the title of the article that you selected here:

Biotech Foods; Should they be more stringently regulated?

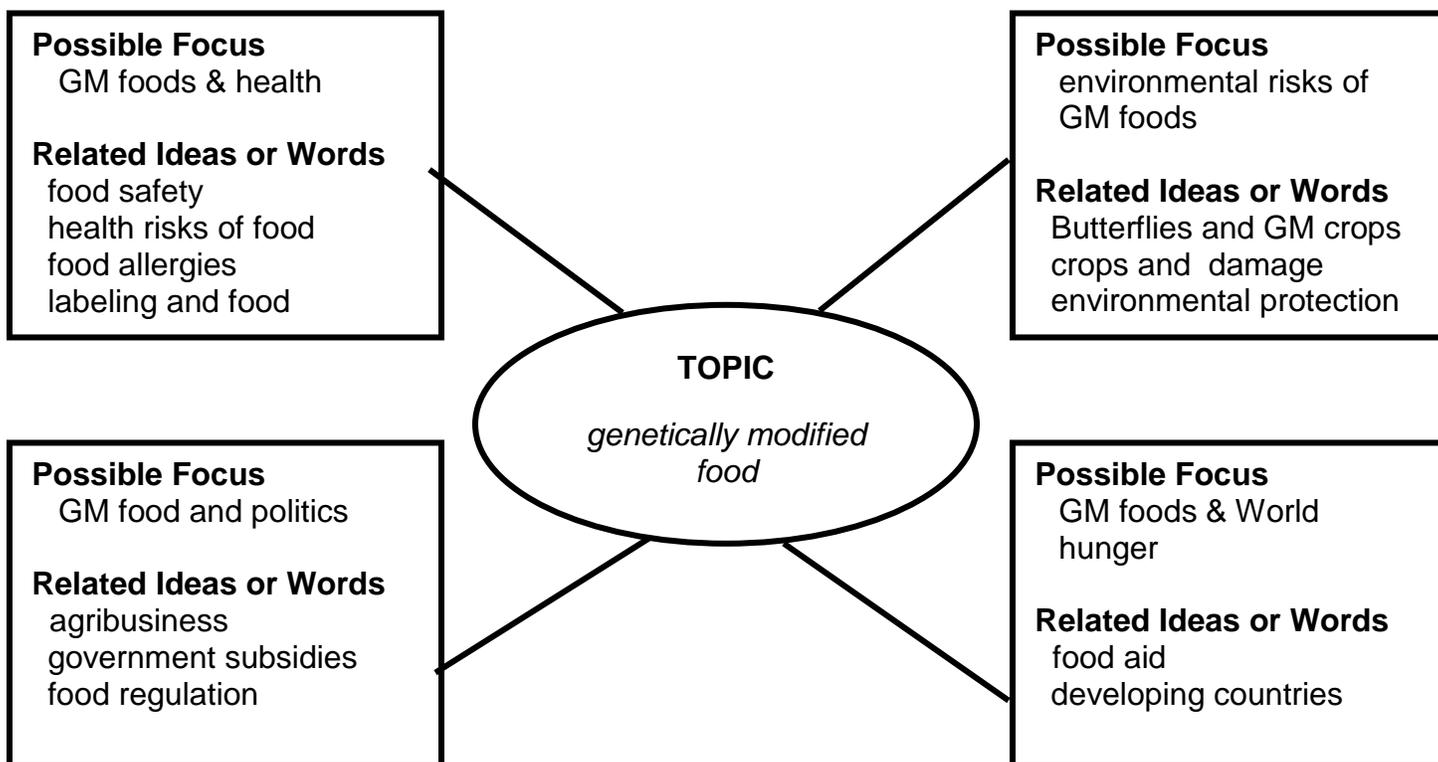
2. Read the introduction and overview of the article that you selected. Write down three words that you found in reading the article that you think would be useful to use to search for articles in other databases. Then, think of a synonym for each of the words you listed:

Keywords	Genetically engineered foods	Pure food movement	Genetically modified seeds
Synonyms	GMO foods	Organic foods	Biotech foods

Now you will start to focus your topic and identify additional keywords

3. Write down your general topic in the big circle.

4. Next write down any ideas or words related to your broad topic in the squares.



5. Write down two questions that you would like to explore about your topic.

A) Can genetically modified foods help stop world hunger?

B) Do genetically modified foods damage the environment?

6. Use the CiteNow! Link to generate a MLA or APA citation for the article that you used:

Hosansky, David. "Biotech Foods." *CQ Researcher* 11.12 (2001): 249-272. *CQ Researcher*. Web. 4 Jan. 2010. <<http://library.cqpress.com/cqresearcher/cqresrre2001033000>>.

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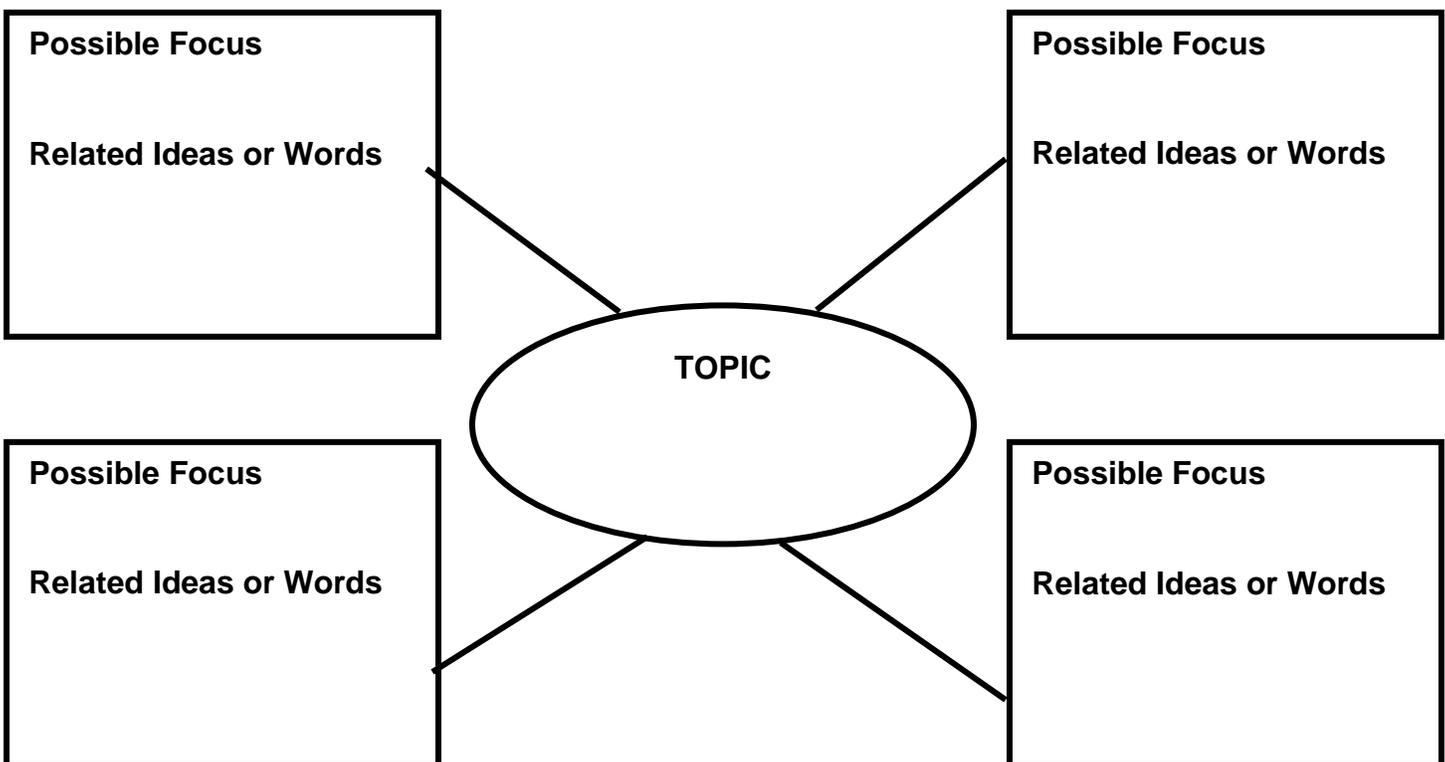
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