Ask yourself the following questions about your topic. They will help you focus your ideas and develop a good thesis for your paper.

1. What current issue have I selected?

2. Why do you think this issue exists?

3. Why is there a need to research this?

4. On what elements of this topic will I be able to focus? (remember you only have 5-7 pages)

5. What is your opinion about this topic?

6. How are you going to develop your argument?

7. What are some basic rhetorical elements that I could use for my argument/paper?

8. My preliminary thesis statement is (it should ask an indirect question and offer an answer or a solution):