

## Research Paper Planning Sheet

**I. Topic:** Copy down the topic that you've chosen for your research paper.

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**II. What You Know:** What do you know about this topic already? Write a short paragraph on any and all background knowledge you have.

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**III. Thesis Statement:** Write a thesis statement that is arguable. (Example: The misuse of technology in George Orwell's *1984* is very similar to the level of monitoring and surveillance that exists in society today.)

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**IV. Subcategory # 1:** You need to divide your research paper into subcategories, with titles, so it is organized and easy to follow. (Example: If you chose as your topic to compare the Party to Hitler, Stalin, and Mussolini, those leaders would be your 3 subcategories.)

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**V. Subcategory # 2:**

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**VI. Subcategory # 3:**

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**VII. Subcategory # 4:** (if applicable)

**VIII. Subcategory # 5:** (if applicable)

**VII. Things to Research:** Make a list of things you will need to look up in order to have a well-rounded research paper. What will you need to know about your topic?

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