**3. Creating Research Questions:**

Using the question words of **WHAT, WHY** or **HOW,** develop at least three different questions that you would like to find answers to in regards to your topic.

STATE YOUR GENERAL TOPIC: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

NARROWED TOPIC: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

RESEARCH QUESTIONS: (complete three research questions in the boxes below.)

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| 1. What? |
| 2. Why? |
| 3. How? |

**1. Concept Mapping Exercise Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
 Class \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**General Topic**

**2. Narrowing your Main Topic Choice Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Main Topic**

1. **Narrowing your Main Topic by Adding a Viewpoint***(Circle one or two possible viewpoints appropriate for your topic. You are not limited to just this list of viewpoints.)*   
   **For example:** if your Main Topic is **Outsourcing**, you might want to consider the **Economic impact** Outsourcing has the American economy.

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| *Economical Aspects* | *Educational Aspects* | *Environmental Aspects* | *Legal Aspects* | *Medical Aspects* | *Moral/Ethical Aspects* |
| *Philosophical Aspects* | *Physical/Biological Aspects* | *Political Aspects* | *Psychological Aspects* | *Social Aspects* | *Technological Aspects* |

**2. Combine your Main Topic + your Viewpoint**

1. **Narrowing your Viewpoint  
   Directions:** *Write a brief statement or a basic question in the space provided for each of these focus areas.*

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| **Time Period** (Can you focus your topic on a specific time period?) | **Geographic (Place)** (Can you focus your topic to a specific country, region or continent?) | **Demographics** (Can you focus your topic on a specific age group, ethnic group, species, nationality or educational level?) |
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**4. Main Topic + Viewpoint + Your Focus***Select* ***one*** *of the Focus Areas (Time, Place or Demographic) above to add to your Main Topic*