

# Survey I: On your topic

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Consider the topic you chose for your paper, and the first article or source you have found. To help organize the rest of your research, please answer the following questions. Complete responses earn five (5) BONUS points. There are no correct answers.

1. (3 minutes) Briefly state your topic and how you chose it. Did you simply select something from the list, or is this an issue you have thought about before?
2. (2 minutes) How did you find your source? Describe your research tool—web search, library search, scanning the newspaper, or other?
3. (10 minutes) Although you have not yet completed your research, speculate on at least three different communities (local or global) that may be affected by the issue you chose. Name each community—for example, climate scientists or Japanese citizens exposed to radiation—and briefly state how you think they are affected. How might these communities view the issue?

## Survey II: Still on your topic

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The purpose of the preceding Workshop was to highlight some common mistakes in writing and to share what topics others have chosen. Please take a few minutes to consider your own rough draft and choice of topic. Complete responses earn five (5) BONUS points. There are no correct answers.

1. (5 minutes) What do you consider to be the strong points of your rough draft? The weak points? Is there anything you wish you had done differently?
2. (5 minutes) Briefly describe your writing process. Is your rough draft a first draft derived straight from the outline, or did you revise? Do you typically write outlines for your papers? If so, how?
3. (5 minutes) Are you pleased with your choice of topic? How, if at all, has your view of the topic or of the communities affected changed?

## Survey III: Back on your topic

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Now that you have completed your research, please take a few minutes to consider your process of selecting and analyzing your topic. Complete responses earn five (5) BONUS points.

1. (5 minutes) Name at least three different communities (local or global) affected by the issue you chose, and briefly describe the perspective of each according to your research.
2. (5 minutes) How has your own view of this issue changed? If you had no opinion at the beginning of the project, say so.
3. (5 minutes) How have your strategies for research and writing changed? For example, did you use any resource in the library for the first time? How did the instructors' comments affect your revision?