

Stage: Finding a Focus

Task	Thoughts	Feelings	Actions	Strategies
<p>To formulate a focus from the information you've encountered</p>	<p>Predicting the outcome of writing about this focus, considering your interest in the focus, the requirements of the assignment, the availability of materials, and how much time you have</p> <p>Identifying ideas in the information you're reading that you'll use to formulate your focus</p> <p>Sometimes sudden insight or inspiration</p>	<p>Optimism</p> <p>Confidence in your ability to complete the assignment</p>	<p>Reading the notes you've taken during your early research to see if you can identify any themes that you find interesting</p>	<p>Reviewing your notes</p> <p>Listing possibilities for your focus</p> <p>Choosing one focus and discarding the others</p> <p>Combining the themes you've found during your early research to make one focus for your assignment</p>

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