Essential Process Item 1
Research Design:


2. *What I Already Know*: Describe what you know about your topic. Without consulting anything, freewrite what you already know. If you want to, you may do this as bullets, as long as each bullet is a complete sentence.


4. *Origins of My Research*: Describe the origins of your research. What sparked your interest in the topic? Why do you want to know more about it?

5. *Questions for Research*: List at least ten questions you have about your topic (or twenty, or ninety-two).

6. *Research Plan*: Describe your plan for collecting information about your topic. How are you going to “attack” this project?

7. *Preliminary Bibliography*: Find five preliminary or potential sources. These can come from print, oral, Internet sources, anywhere an academic would go to look for information. These may not all wind up being approved, nor will they all be useful. You will have to continue to research as you go. List your sources in your research design and also link your Internet sources to diigo.com.

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