Beginning Research Decisions

Because there are so many ways to look for information on the Internet, it is very important that your research question is as specific as possible. First think of a topic you are interested in, then narrow your idea down to one statement. (This will become your thesis statement) This is the question you hope to answer in your research.

*Examples:*

*Sports: Is big time wrestling a real sport?.....Public Service Research: Air Pollution and the Ozone layer, fact or fiction?…..Animals: Why the Great White Shark is such an efficient eating machine? Civil Rights: Why is it so important that the Civil Disabilities Act protects those with a visual disability? US History: Which Revolutionary War battle resulted in the most deaths?*

Teacher Prompt for this Research:
**Famous** **USA Places**: How do you persuade a customer that the USA vacation destination you would choose for them would be the BEST VACATION EVER? (Keep in mind what is there to see: historic, natural resources, famous oddity)

Fill out a KWL table :( brainstorm information about the topic-Come up with facts you **KNOW**, and facts you **WONDER** about. Then, search to answer the questions from “what I wonder”, and fill in the column, “What I **LEARNED**” from reading about it. (This is called a KWL chart.) This will help you narrow down a subject.

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| **What I already know….** | **What I Wonder…** | **What I Learned…** |
| Ex: There are \_\_\_\_ states |  |  |
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Question 1: What activities/sights would make for a fantastic USA vacation?

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Question 2: Where in the USA has the items from Question 1? (Think “State”, “place in a State”)

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\*Double check with World Book to make sure you have a vacation site famous enough to find meaningful information about it.