### Connecting to a Manageable Topic

#### What is my topic now?

#### Personal Connection
- I have a personal connection to the topic
- This topic reminds me / is similar to another topic I enjoyed reading about / researching

#### Background Information
- I am going to interview family or friends about the event / topic; write from my own experience; take the point-of-view of someone who was affected by this event / topic
- I will look in a book and / or encyclopedia to obtain background information on the topic to evaluate whether there is enough information, too much, or just the right amount to pursue research

#### Connection to Intriguing Idea
- I am going to use background information to get context about the topic and to find issues that I want to know more about
- I will figure out my own point of view and look for sources that confront that point of view as well as sources that reinforce my perspective

#### Questions:

#### Narrowing to a Manageable Topic

What aspect of topic most interests me?

What is discussed in the background information that I want to learn more about?

What aspect of the topic will allow me to draw my own conclusions, form my own opinions based on the evidence, and apply ideas to new situations?

What is my new topic?