



The Research Paper



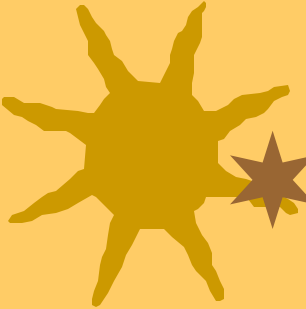
*Do not hunt for subjects,
let them choose you, not
you them "*

-- Samuel Butler

Choose a topic that YOU find interesting!!!!!!



STEP 1



Engage Yourself

– Read to Get an Overview of the Topic



- **General Encyclopedia**

- **A Kid's Book**



- **Text Book**



STEP 2



Who?

What?

When?

Where?

Why?

★ Defining

– Access Prior
Knowledge

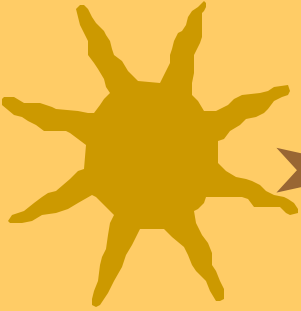
– Questioning

– Define Key Terms





STEP 3



★ Examining Sources

- Skim and scan for keywords and concepts
- Summarize what you've read
- Think and Reflect- does this support my thesis?





STEP 4



- o **Organization**



- o **Outline**

- o **Remember those questions?**

- o **These can be your outline headings**





The Thesis



This is Your Opinion



– One Clear Idea



– A Small Aspect of a Large Topic

– It is very specific