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**Brainstorm: Topics for an Essay of My Own**

Use the list provided by your teacher to choose **three questions** (topics) that interest you. Use this sheet to organize your ideas about the topics you choose.

1)Come up with at least three questions to consider

2)Decide what your opinion on that topic is

3)Jot down two to three reasons or ideas to support your opinion (this will make up your direction)

Example:

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| Topic | Opinion Question | My Opinion? | Reasons to support my Opinion |
| Technology and social media | [Are You Distracted by Technology?](http://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/11/02/are-you-distracted-by-technology/) (#42) |  | -  -  - |

Now it’s your turn!

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| Topic #1 | Opinion Question | My Opinion? | Reasons to Support my Opinion |
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| Topic #2 | Opinion Question | My Opinion? | Reasons to Support my Opinion |
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| Topic #3 | Opinion Question | My Opinion? | Reasons to Support my Opinion |
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