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Connecting Curiosity, Questions, and Central Point

1. What really interests me is…

or, What drew me to this topic was…

2. Here is a list of questions, large and small, that I might want to consider in my thesis (in no particular order):

3. If I had to put my topic into the form of a single question, that central question would be…

or, What I ***really, really*** want to know is…

4. The competing observations (tensions between theory and real world events, for example), personal experiences, political or policy concerns, or emotional motivations that led me to ask this question are:

5. My *tentative* answer to that question is…

or, I have a hunch that…

1. \* based on Sheila M. Reindl, Ed.D. Worksheets for Senior Thesis Writers (and other writers, too), Bureau of Study Counsel, Havard University, Cambridge, MA., 2011. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)