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**Military Intervention Research Project**

**Step 4 Organizing your Information**

WHS Research Standard, Indicator C:

C. Students will organize and synthesize information.

When you research, you should have pre-identified things that you are trying to find out about a topic, but the information you find doesn’t always follow along this set plan. You have probably gathered a lot of information, but you still need to make sense of it. How can you use this information to show understanding your topic and answer your big research question?

Once you have found some initial information about your topic, **create sub-topics** that exist within the big topic. Think of these as “buckets” that you can “drop” additional info in as you continue your research. In the end, these sub-topics will give your final product a basic structure. An example of this that you are familiar with is an outline of essay, with the body paragraphs serving as the sub-topics that form your argument.

**Example:** If you are studying an event, like a war, some potential sub-topics could include **causes, turning points,** and **outcomes**

You can have as many sub-topics as you want, but you should have a minimum of three.

* Research Topic: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Question you are answering: **Was the United States correct to intervene in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?**

**Sub-Topic 1**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What factual information fits into this sub-topic?

What is your analysis of this information? How does it support your understanding of the

big topic?

**Sub-Topic 2**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What factual information fits into this sub-topic?

What is your analysis of this information? How does it support your understanding of the

big topic?

**Sub-Topic 3**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What factual information fits into this sub-topic?

What is your analysis of this information? How does it support your understanding of the

big topic?