Topic Area Brainstorming Sheet

Make a copy of this file in your SR folder with the title:

SR Topic Brainstorming

**Name:**

**Part One: Identify an area of interest**

A. For this activity, you need to identify one area of science that interests you. It can change, but you need to pick something for now. Look on the Science Daily site, and choose from the topics at the top of the page or the subtopics that appear when you click on them.

B. Write the name of the topic area you chose here:

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**Part Two: Finding a Science Daily Article**

A. Next, look under “News” in that section and choose an article that sounds interesting. Also make sure it is an article that has the “Journal Reference” at the bottom.

B. Make a copy of the file “Reading List” and save it to your Google Drive.

C. Paste the citation from the SCIENCE DAILY article in the appropriate spot in your “Reading List” file.

D. Write a summary of this Science Daily article using the “Science Daily Article Summary Sheet” file, print and save it to your Google Drive.

E. Make a copy of the file “Topic Glossary” and save it to your SR folder.

F. Add the vocabulary from the Science Daily article to your “Topic Glossary” file.

**Part Three: Identifying search terms:**

Next, choose a term from the article or related to it that seems like it is the most important, or the “main idea” of your topic and write it below:

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**Part Four: Finding Wikipedia articles**

A. Go to Wikipedia.org, and search the term that you think is the “main idea” from your topic so far. If you don’t find an article with that title, try another term until you find one that returns a Wikipedia article.

B. Put the citation from the Wikipedia article in the appropriate spot in your “Reading List” file. (In Wikipedia, on the left side of the page, under “Tools”, find where it says “Cite this page” and follow that link to find the APA style citation for that Wikipedia article.)

**Part Five: Summarizing a Wikipedia Article**

A. Write a summary of this Wikipedia article using the “Wikipedia Article Summary Sheet” file, print and save it to your Google Drive.

B. Add ten new terms from this article to your Topic Glossary file.

C. By looking through the Wikipedia article and its references, find the titles of five more Wikipedia articles that would be valuable to read about this topic. Write the titles of these five articles in the appropriate section of your “Reading List” file. Leave the dates blank until you actually read them.