

Big Idea Planner—Part A

Chapter _____

The Topic _____

Follow the steps below to plan your Big Idea.

1. The first step in writing your Big Idea Science Log entry is choosing a topic. Look at the topics available to you. Write the topics you are interested in below.

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2. Then, ask yourself which topic you are most interested in. Explain why on the lines below.

3. Next, you need to decide where you are going to look for information about your topic. You can start by using a search engine, such as [www .google.com](http://www.google.com), to find sources. List your best sources below.

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4. Now you know what you are going to write about and where you are going to look for information. You are ready to start gathering information. Use the Big Idea Planner—Part B as a guide.

Big Idea Planner—Part B

Gathering Information and Creating an Outline

It is important to take good notes while gathering information from your sources. This makes writing a Science Log entry much easier. It also keeps you from getting overwhelmed with information as you read your sources.

Answering the questions below will help you to outline the information you get from your sources. Of course, if you think of more questions, you should try to answer them as well.

1. What is the main idea of your topic? _____

2. What makes your topic important? _____

3. What do you already know about your topic? _____

4. What would you like to learn about your topic? _____

5. What are some examples related to your topic? _____

6. What conclusions can you make about your topic? _____

7. You should now have enough information to create an outline of what to include when you write your Science Log. Use the back of this paper if needed.
