Mind Mapping

Draw a circle in the middle of the page and write your topic inside. Then write all the ideas and questions you can think of from there.   
If it’s helpful to consider the 5W’s (see below[[1]](#footnote-1)), go ahead, but it’s not required. Experiment and let your creativity flow!

Critical Questioning Topic:

| History | Structure | Categories |
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| Why/how was your topic invented or created?What is your topic’s history? | How does your topic fit into the context of a larger structure or system?  How do its parts fit together as a system? | How can your topic be grouped into kinds?How does your topic compare to and contrast with others like it? |

1. **Who:** Which group of people, communities, plants, or animals to consider? **What:** What issue, cultural practices, problem, or impacts?

   **When:** What is the time period or range? **Where:** Is there a particular location that is pertinent or a comparison of locations?

   **Why**: Why does this matter; why should people care? [↑](#footnote-ref-1)